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Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley's plan to keep state university tuition from increasing will remain intact despite budget cuts made during the General Assembly's annual session.

Fiscal issues top priority at 2008 session

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After 90 days of debating thousands of pieces of legislation, the 2008 Maryland General Assembly session concluded Tuesday at midnight in Annapolis with the primary issues once again focusing on the state's fiscal matters. Despite an attempt to break away from financial affairs and direct some attention towards

public safety, social and other priorities, the legislature's agenda concentrated mainly on spending bills and their possibilities of fitting into the \$31.2 billion state budget.

However, the \$400 million in cuts that were made to approve the state's funds did not take a toll on the tuition freeze for state universities that was enacted by Governor Martin O'Malley on January 14, 2008.

"An educated workforce is essential for economic growth in

our state, yet Maryland families have seen college tuition rates soar almost 40% since 2000," said O'Malley in a government press release back in January. "It's my hope that this third consecutive tuition freeze will help Maryland students and families make the dream of a college degree a reality."

The plan to freeze the tuition for higher education during the 2008-2009 academic year faced

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SGA finalizes new executive cabinet

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On the night of Tuesday, April 7, 2008, the student government assembly members gathered in Knott Hall B01 for the final stage of the executive cabinet decisions. "It's going to be intense," noted Alex Hollis, the newly elected student body president for the 2008-2009 academic year. Hollis had just come off of a long weekend of interviews. Along with Tracy Petruziello, the Vice President for Policy, Omani Guy, the Vice President for social affairs, and the elected class presidents for next year (Chris Feeney, the senior class president, Keith Masiulis, the Junior Class President, and Devin Dicristofaro, the sophomore class president), the group had the overwhelming task of selecting candidates for 12 positions. The process would not be over until they received approval from the student assembly.

Petruziello stood in front of the room, surrounded by fellow search committee members, and went over tasks for the evening. The selection committee would

name the candidate and their position, why they believed the individual was qualified, and the assembly would be invited to ask questions. The candidate would then step into the hallway while the assembly would voice any other concerns. Once a decision had been reached, the assembly would cast their vote and the candidate would be escorted back into the room by Guy.

Petruziello asked for efficiency from the group, and the process ran according to her wish. "I was confident in all of the candidates we chose," said Petruzeillo. "I was nervous about the fact that the group is senior heavy, but we wanted to choose the best possible candidates for every position." According to the search committee, the class of 2009 showed the most promise for eight of the positions.

Lauren Rutkowski, newly appointed Business manager, shared her skills, qualifications, and hopes for next year first. Rutkowski is a junior this year and has served on SGA throughout all of her years at Loyola. She plans

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Culturally diverse groups raise money with festivities

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Fiesta was the key word last week as both Asia Fest and the Encounter El Salvador team filled McGuire hall to near capacity with a variety of cultural-themed activities. With raffles, dancing and authentic food, the events aimed to draw large crowds to highlight some of the issues both organizations work to help. With Erase the Hate Week, an annual week that aims to focus on issues of injustice, wrapping up, the Asia Fest and Encounter El Salvador events seemed to fit in nicely.

Encounter El Salvador is an annual international immersion trip to the South American country. Every year, a group of faculty, staff, students and administrators take a 10-day trip to the capital,

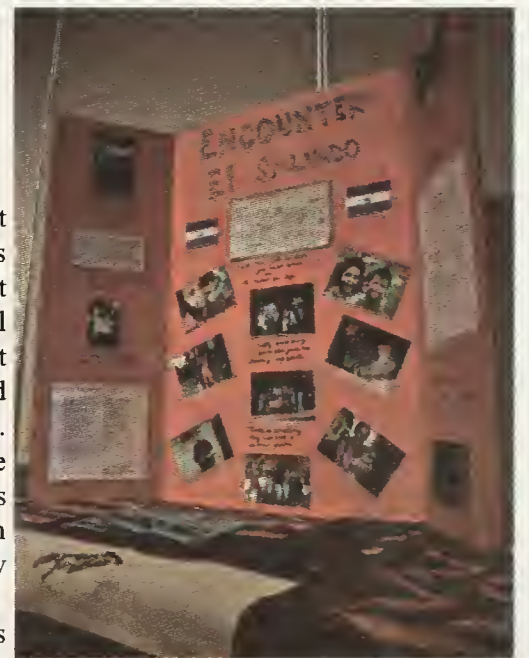
San Salvador to get to know the area and connect with the people. The fiesta, which took place on Thursday in McGuire, offered raffles and 5-dollar all-you-can-eat pizza to raise money for the trip, and donations for the people once the team reaches their destination.

The master of ceremonies for the night, Senior Dayna Pizzigoni, elaborated on the details of the program, "We'll be leaving for El Salvador two days after graduation, it's pretty exciting. We're going to be there for like, 10 days, and there are students, grad students, faculty members and staff coming. So, it's a really great program because it brings together students, faculty and the staff, and we're going to El Salvador to be in solidarity with the people there. We do a lot of witnessing to their experiences and the reality that still exists today from the war. We pick a theme, our theme this year is going to be focused on youth. So we'll learn about the economy there, but we're also going to be focusing on programs that they have for the youth. And this is our fiesta! The

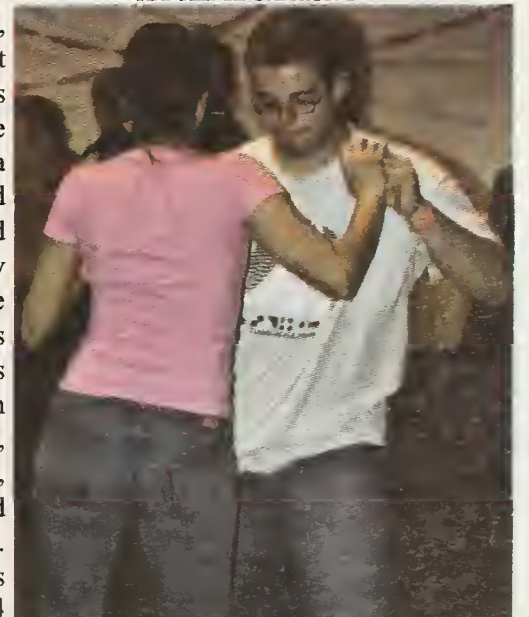
fiesta originally was just an event to have students come to know a little bit more about Encounter El Salvador, because [Project Mexico] is pretty big, and people know about it. Encounter came a couple years after, but it's not as popular. First it was an educational event, but now it's a fundraising event."

Some of the raffle prizes at Encounter El Salvador included an iPod shuffle, a Jenkins Parking spot and Yankees/Orioles baseball tickets. Raffle table coordinator, Maura Toomb, '08, emphasized on where the money raised would be going, "The way the raffle works is we've got six different items--this year, we've got Yankees tickets, an iPod shuffle, an authentic Salvador blanket, an Arbonne makeup basket, the very, very wanted Jenkins parking spot. Basically the money goes

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- Quotes of the Moment -

“We had legal opinions that enabled us to do it. And, no, I didn’t have any problem at all trying to find out what Khaled Sheikh Mohammed knew.”

President Bush speaking with reporters last Friday in regards to condoning harsh interrogation techniques, including waterboarding.

“Its sort of amazing to me that we haven’t had a law to ban the sale of that.”

Rep. John Tierney, D-Massachusetts, commenting on the sale of military weaponry online through sites such as Craigslist and eBay. Government officials have banned the sale of certain items including army uniforms and apparel. The sale of uniforms to non-military personnel has been banned since January 2007, when Iraqi Insurgents used U.S. military uniforms to sneak into a base in Karbala and kill five U.S. service members.

Travel Writer
Skips the Trip and
Relys on Girlfriend

Thomas Kohnstamm, 32, a Lonely Planet author who has written more than 12 books for the company, plagiarized sections of his latest book on traveling in Colombia. The company also discovered that Kohnstamm was dealing drugs to make up for the little pay that company supplies. He claimed that he wrote the book in California, and received his information from his current girlfriend, who is currently an intern in the Colombian cabinet. Lonely Planet’s publisher, Piers Pickard, confirmed that his books were under “urgent” review by the company and so far the rest of his work contained no inaccuracies.

Bush to make his
First Airport Trip
For Pope’s visit

President Bush will pick up Pope Benedict from the airport when he arrives for his visit in the middle of the week. This will be the second time that the leader of the world’s Roman Catholics will visit the white house, and the first time that the President has given the honor of meeting a leader at the airport. The crowd expected outside of the White House on Wednesday is estimated at 12,000 for Benedict’s arrival ceremony. The plans for his visit include a 21 gun salute and a high-profile meal. The event will mark the 25th meeting between the pope and a sitting president.



Murder charge
awaits captured
Marine

According to the AP a prosecutor said Friday that he is confident U.S. Marine Cpl. Cesar Laurean will waive extradition in Mexico and “be back in North Carolina sooner than later” to face charges including murder.

Onslow County (North Carolina) District Attorney Dewey Hudson spoke at a news conference on Friday, “Depending on how he deals with extradition, [it] could take a couple days or couple of years.”

Hudson later said it would take at least 60 days for U.S. authorities to file with the Mexican government the necessary paperwork seeking to extradite Laurean.

Laurean, a suspect in the killing of a 20-year-old pregnant Marine, was captured Thursday night in Mexico. U.S. authorities want to bring Laurean back to the United States to face murder charges in the killing of Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach.

Sources : Al Jazeera ,AP, CNN, N.Y. Times. Picture MCT-Andrew Hollerman

American Airlines
Back in Action

American Airlines promised that its three hundred MD-80 jets will be running at their full capacity on Sunday, April 13th, after over 3,000 flight cancelations last week. They are working to accommodate the passengers who were inconvenienced by the flight cancelations. Several customers have still not reached their destination. The airline was forced to cancel these flights after the Federal Aviation Administration inspected some MD-80s with wiring bundles improperly wrapped and attached inside wheel wells. The airline had a similar problem 2 weeks earlier. Congress held hearings discussing the relationship between the F.A.A. and the airline companies, and how the agency needs to act less like a partner to the companies.

Delta-Northwest
merger said to be
close

Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines are close to announcing a merger agreement, according to reports in the Wall Street Journal and Financial Times Sunday.

A deal would create the world’s largest carrier and possibly prompt a series of other mergers that could reshape the U.S. airline industry.

The Financial Times reported that a deal could be announced as early as Monday while the Wall Street Journal said a merger announcement could take place Tuesday. Both papers cited unnamed sources familiar with the deal talks. The FT reported that Atlanta-based Delta (DAL, Fortune 500) will pay about \$3 billion for Northwest (NWA, Fortune 500), which is based in a suburb of Minneapolis.

Speaker from Non-Profit Business Field April 15

Have you ever considered that non-profit organizations need to raise money and spend it responsibly, just like businesses? Have you ever accused a business major of being greedy and selfish because they are only interested in making money? Are you completely unaware of opportunities in non-profit organizations that are not social work oriented?

Lisa Negstad, Senior Controller at Lutheran Relief Services, a \$42 million organization, will be coming to Loyola on Tuesday, April 15 to speak about her experience and expertise working in the non-profit sector. The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Knott Hall B01. She earned her MBA from Yale University and has several years’ experience working in Financial Management.

Come hear Lisa speak and learn about this often forgotten area of business. Refreshments will be provided.

Duckpin Bowling April 18

Come duckpin bowling to save some rhinos! On April 18 from 7 - 9 p.m., Roots and Shoots, along with sponsorship from SGA, will be hosting Bowling for Rhinos at the Edgemere Bowl-a-drome with 2 games, shoes and transportation included for \$10 with all proceeds supporting the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya. Sign up in Student Activities starting Wednesday, April 9 with cash or Evergreen. Contact Kristin Abt at kmabt@loyola.edu with any questions.

Senior Week Volunteers Needed!

Stop by Student Activities to sign-up as a Senior Week 2008 Volunteer. Volunteers receive a housing contract extension until May 17 in exchange for working at the Hail

and Farewell Reception, Baccalaureate Mass, Graduation and a minimum of four hours at the “Good Stuff” collection campaign during Senior Week. You can also sign up to work at the Senior Formal or the Senior Social. Don’t wait! Sign up today! If you have any questions, call Kate Grubb Clark at ext. 2132.

Summer Positions in Records Office

The Records Office, Maryland Hall, has two summer openings for direct hire positions as Document Imaging and Colleague Computer Operators. The positions are available May 12 and can continue until August 29. Please contact the Records Office for information regarding additional details and pay rate. Contact hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following extensions on campus: Mary Ann Jablecki at ext. 2462 and Linda Reter at ext. 2504. If you are off-campus, please add the 410-617 to either extension.

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Selected excerpts from reports

Friday, April 11

At 10:35 PM an LCPD officer was conducting a motorized patrol of Early Way. The offer came to the area behind Hammerman and noticed cabs sitting in the roadway blocking traffic. He saw the victim exit Checker Cab and then pushed the chest of the suspect. The officer interviewed both the suspect and teh victim separately and found that the assault had started over a disagreement concerning the cab fare. The cab driver stated that the passanger was “Fare Blocking” and also stated that the passanger tried to block him from a fare by partially blocking his cab. The cab driver exited his cab and approached the passanger, and engaged in unknown words. The scene was cleared at 10:45 pm.

Friday, April 11

An LCPD officer responded to a theft call in the 400 block of Bokel Court. The site forman informed the officer that three housing units had been broken into. The central air units had also been taken out of these three houses. One air unit was sitting outside of 409. The witness claimed that when he was walking towards the site he saw a Ford Pick up truck parked behind 409. Once he was close enough to the site he saw two white males jump into the truck and drive off. The witness did not call the police because he didn’t see that anything broken or damaged. The police were called when the site foreman noticed the air conditioning unit sitting outside of 409. The BCPD was also notified about the incident. The BCPD crime lab arrived on the scene at 4:05 p.m. This was not the first burglary in this area. There have also been stolen cabinets, a stove, and a lap top computer stolen within the past 5 weeks. The officers left the scene at 4:45 p.m.

Friday, April 11

A complianant reported four people launching water balloons at Newman Towers. The unit discovered the offenders, and found that they were in possession of a slingshot. When asked why they had a sling shot they said they had been launching water balloons at New Man towers, aiming for the 8th floor of Newman West. The offenders were then senteced to cleaning up any debris that the water balloons left in the surrounding area of Newman towers.

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Assembly adjourns, college tuition remains frozen

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considerable road blocks back in February when, during the session, the state Senate, worried about the lagging economy and the year's tax revenue, made a \$6.8 million cut to the University System of Maryland. While the reduction in funds and possible tuition increase (which was estimated to be about one percent to compensate) wouldn't have any affect on Loyola because the college is a private institution, peers at neighboring universities like Towson, UMBC, and University of Maryland College Park all would have felt the monetary consequences had the General Assembly decided to retract O'Malley's immobilization on increasing college payments.

"On campus, there was a growing urgency to keep tuition down," said Adam Weiner, a broadcast journalism major at University of Maryland College Park. "It's been growing steadily year by year, and every year it seemed like student government moved to try to freeze tuition. They finally did it and that is a big deal. As a big state school, maybe 75 percent of kids here are from Maryland. If [the legislation] was going to affect anyone it was going to affect those students."

Along with the General Assembly's decision to avoid altering the tuition freeze, mortgage reform proposals made to address the growing foreclosure crisis in the state were among the bills that got passed out of the 23-hundred that were voted on during the annual session. Among the legislation that O'Malley has already signed into law are regulations that encumber the crime of mortgage fraud and rescue scams that mislead homeowners into inadvertently signing away their houses under the pretense of being able to get them back in a few

months. Another law taken into effect extends the amount of time it takes for a foreclosure to become final from 15 days to 150.

Next to the mortgage reform proposals, the other key legislation that passed was the repeal of the controversial \$200 million tax on computer services that was approved during the special assembly session back in November. In response to the backlash from information technology companies who feared that the tax would drive important business out of Maryland, the tax was completely removed and a new tax on people who make more than \$1 million a year was enacted to compensate for the money that the state will now lose in annual revenue.

"I didn't notice any direct effects that the tax had on technology related issues here at Loyola, but it may have trickled down eventually," said SGA Direct of Technology Will Udovich. "The law made Maryland one of nine states that has such a tax and it essentially hurt the states competitiveness in the industry. The state noticed that a lot of money was in the IT industry but during this session they probably realized taxing it would hurt the economy more than help it."

Along with the mortgage and technology tax reforms, a bill that made it through the session will allow DNA samples to be taken of people arrested for burglary and violent crimes instead of just convicted criminals.

Meanwhile, though it was relatively quiet on the social issues front with the concerns of gay marriage and the death penalty being put on hold until the General Assembly congregates next year, a bill was passed that requires minors to obtain parental consent before going tanning.



The Department of Recreational Sports would like to congratulate Christina Delcher as our March Student Employee of the Month! This is Tina's second time winning the SEOM award. Her first came as a Welcome Desk Attendant. This time, Tina is being recognized for her work as a Building Supervisor. Tina has been employed with the department since her first year at Loyola. She has held the position of Building Supervisor since January 2007.

No one is a more deserving candidate of SEOM than Tina Delcher. She is the type of student you want to have on your staff. She puts her job, coworkers and supervisors first, before her wants. From the minute Tina arrives at work, she holds herself in the most professional of manners. Tina is always checking in with full time staff during her shift to see if she can be of assistance in any way. She is always on shift with a contagious positive attitude that often brings laughter and delight to others.

Tina does everything by the book – every shift, every time.

Congratulations Tina! You certainly are a worthy SEOTM!

New cabinet eagerly awaits next academic year

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on creating a business matrix, and hopes to develop better relationship with the businesses that SGA works with throughout the year when designing t shirts and ordering other supplies for events. She plans to create a company portfolio that would contain the contact information for each business, as well as a list of price brackets. This plan will save time and create a more organized establishment. The assembly had no reserves when approving her position, and invited her back into to room after a quick discussion.

Catherine Smith, '11, has been appointed as the chief of staff. The search committee recognized her organization skills and her professionalism, while displaying minutes she has recorded for this year as a member of the 2011 student assembly. The minutes ignited appreciative laughter from the crowd, as they admired the extensive detail and care that Smith put into documenting the events her class assembly. "My personal skills focus on people management and organization," said Smith, after the search committee invited her to share any statements to the crowd. "As a rising sophomore, I will be able to integrate all of the grades and faculty."

"Katherine contacted me well before the applications were even out there," said Peter Smith, '10, the chief of staff position her sophomore year, confident in her passion and commitment to the job.

The search committee selected Mazen M. Shomali, a commuter student of the class of 2011, as the Director of Commuter Affairs. Hollis mentioned that Mazen had one of the best interviews among the prospective

candidates. "Shomali has a lot of great ideas for commuters to have a more solid, well rounded relationship with resident students and each other," said Hollis. "He has a lot of promise and great ideas."

Ann Elise Francis, a junior currently studying abroad in Spain, was selected as the Director of Academic affairs. Francis impressed the committee with her past involvement in many leadership positions, including her service as a resident assistant, and her involvement in Honor Council and Black student association. Her experience on the honor council will be crucial when she is working specifically on academic cases. According to the committee, Francis is prepared to make SGA her first responsibility, and is willing to let go of her involvement in other organizations in order to give her best service in the position.

The committee selected Stefanie Fertitta for the Director of Communications. Hollis noted her impressive interview. Fertitta's experience includes holding the position as treasurer of Habitat for Humanities her freshman year and she currently has an internship working on the Hillary Clinton campaign. The assembly members and many questions to ask about her ideas for spreading awareness of events among the campus next year, and how she will keep the population informed about the occurrences. SGA has mentioned creating a specific section on blackboard dedicated to SGA, upcoming events could be posted. The board would contain a tool allowing students to post their own ideas.

Appointed as Director of Technology, Taryn Ann Kelly '10 insisted that her experience working beside her father in his

business. Her experience includes website management, as well as building a computer. She hopes to put a blogging tool on the website to foster the communication of student opinions.

The committee selected Zachary Bromwell, as Director Finance, who served on SGA during his fall semester. Bromwell was also the assistant director of finance his sophomore year, a position which the search committee hopes to bring back in the fall, although the decision still has to be discussed by the rest of the assembly. As an accounting major, Bromwell has been inducted into three different honors societies. "He was very dedicated to his previous assembly position," said Petruziello.

The Director Diversity position will be taken over by Roberta Roberts, who plans to complete fifth year at Loyola as a nursing student.

Roberts takes classes at Johns Hopkins University in order to fulfill her major. The committee commented on her appreciation and understanding of diversity. Not only is she involved in Caribbean Students Union as and ALANA, but she also lived abroad in Tobago. "She's an intelligent girl to say the least," said Devin Servidio, the current chief of staff, "she has a passion for diversity, and she wants to be involved. She can handle this responsibility."

Kookie Carl '09, now abroad in Belgium, will be the Director of Student Affairs. Kookie has been heavily involved in SGA since her freshman year. Her enthusiasm and commitment to making the Loyola college community a better place made motivated the search committee to select her for the position. "Everyone loves her,"

Hollis insisted.

Carl's friendly personality and experience SGA, both on assembly and executive cabinet, will enable her to reach out the college community and get people, especially the incoming freshman class, involved.

Gallen Williams '09, appointed as the Director of community relations, has the experience of seeing the inter workings of complex urban communities while he grew up in Trenton, New Jersey. He hopes to incorporate this knowledge into as next year while working the Baltimore Community, especially those living right outside of campus on York Road. He hopes to heal the tensions created by the bar hopping community and interact with the people living in the neighborhood in a more intimate setting. "I can speak respectfully to build a bridge that we really need," said Williams. The assembly approved of his appointment, confident that Williams will be able to open up the campus and build communication.

The committee selected Rich Fogel for Director of Resident Affairs, served as president of RAC during his freshman and sophomore years. Fogel has noticed that there is not enough connection between student life and SGA, and during his time in the position he hopes to develop better relations between the two agencies.

"I am extremely excited," said Hollis, after the assembly approved of the candidates. "Everyone is very qualified; it was a very tough deliberation process, but I'm confident that the cabinet will do a fantastic job. I'm pumped."



Back-to-back cultural events highlight week

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to—all of it, we're donating. The money goes to not necessarily our travels, but we're going to donate it to schools, and just, whatever we can help with down there. Basically, all the money is going to the El Salvadorian people. This isn't so much to support our travels, but to support them. I know as a team we've worked hard to make [the event] something that will both promote education and knowledge about El Salvador."

Along with the raffle, there was dancing. Members of the Encounter El Salvador team encouraged the audience to participate, bringing them to the front of the room and showing them traditional moves. Throughout the night, a slideshow of previous trips to the country flashed across a screen. To the right of the room, a poster board and pamphlets stood, readily available for audience members to find out more about the program. Aside from members attending the trip, a few people attended the event to support the group. Junior Nate Hill said, "I'm supporting both friends and teachers who are going on the trip."

Overall, the fiesta accomplished

what it set out to do, with a huge turnout.

The next night, Asia Fest, sponsored by the Asian Students Association in conjunction with Asian Pacific Islander Month, took over McGuire, with activities ranging from spoken word to Ju Jitsu to music to fashion shows. The 3-hour event focused on the cultural of several Asian countries, from the Philippines to China. Freshman Chris Samson excitedly commented on his involvement, "I'm doing three activities. The first one is for Ju Jitsu. We're going to be performing a bunch of forms, and weapon techniques, so I'll be helping the guys queue all the music. Then, there's the Asian Fashion show. I'll be modeling two forms of dress, one from Japan, one from the Philippines. And lastly, I'm part of the ACA stick team, and we're performing a Filipino folk dance. It's going to be awesome."

Sasha Buerano, the PR director for the Asian Students Alliance, described the motives of Asia Fest before the doors opened, as well as her role, "I have to do all the publicity for [Asia Fest]. So we were putting up all the fliers, for

not only Asia Fest, but all the APIA events this month."

APIA month is far from over, she affirmed, "On Wednesday [April 16], we have the student panel, and we have a professor that's going to speak as well. And, it's an identity panel. On the 28, we have a movie viewing of, 'The Joy Luck Club.' There's going to be a bubble tea and Karaoke night, but that's to be announced. There is a Philippine stick dance, where you jump in and out of the stick, that's happening at the end. All [the event demonstrators] are students here, at Loyola. Some of them are ACA members, some aren't, and they wanted to help out, we asked them, and they're like 'sure!' Asia fest is really the combination of what APIA month is all about, what Asian culture is all about. It's epitomized in this show, with all the dancing, all the food. It's like going back to our roots, and kind of bringing it back to modern day."

One of the main points to recognize about this year's Asia Fest as opposed to last is its increase in size. Last year, the event only took up half of McGuire hall. This year, the full venue was used, with a long line of people snaking around the perimeter, lining up for food and tables. ASA member Alexis Hatten revealed, "It's changed this year because... well, for one thing, this year we have the entire McGuire Hall. So, we've been kind of forced to do it bigger and better than last year. There's definitely a lot more people involved with different organizations across campus so it's more of a campus wide thing. I'm just a member [of ACA]. I just love the culture, so I try to help out whenever they're hosting something." With an increase in cultural awareness and an emphasis on fundraising, this year's Asia Fest and Encounter El Salvador Fiesta boasted large populations and will hopefully continue the trend next year.

Loyola Students work to "End the Wait"

By Andrew Zaleski
Opinions Editor

At first glance, life seems pretty normal for Kenny. He works and goes about his daily activities as any person would. However, for Kenny, who requires a wheelchair and a laptop to communicate, his developmental disabilities make it difficult for him to perform the simplest of behaviors, like getting into bed, brushing his teeth, and taking a shower.

Living with his mother, who is in her 80s, Kenny often quips that he is the only 42-year-old with an 8:30 p.m. bedtime.

According to Beth Munro, director of the End the Wait Now Campaign, Kenny is just one of thousands of Maryland residents who are developmentally disabled and living without funding to obtain the services they need to successfully function from day to day. The End the Wait Now Campaign is a subset of a larger movement called The Waiting List Campaign, a running list of approximately 17,000 developmentally disabled individuals—or families who have a member suffering from some developmental disorder—requesting financial assistance from Maryland government for more than 29,000 community services including family support, employment programs, transition services, and community day and residential supports.

Thirty-nine percent of the services being requested fall into what The Waiting List Campaign and Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) have deemed the "crisis" category. Essentially, this means that people considered in that 39 percent

could face serious, life-threatening consequences if the services they need are not administered soon. Directors of The Waiting List Campaign note that "it is not infrequent that a person who started on The Waiting List ten years ago escalates to a crisis/emergency after years of no services."

"The big problem is that the state of Maryland has let this go for so long that now the physical impact is just tremendous," says Munro.

The trouble comes as a result of the state government cutting or not allotting funding to aid The Waiting List. Since 1999, the money allocated for The Waiting List has shrunk from \$34.2 million to \$19.7 million in 2007. And, although Maryland's budget for fiscal year 2009 boasts a formidable \$720.2 million for the DDA, none of that money is specifically allocated to individuals and families on The Waiting List, which is projecting a need of about \$19 million in 2008.

However, for the sake of thousands of people like Kenny, a group of students at Loyola College in Maryland is working to help.

Loyola students taking Andrea Leary's upper-level argument writing class have been getting in contact with families on The Waiting List, hearing their stories, and writing letters to their respective families' state delegates and senators. The student letters advocate for their families and for The Waiting List itself, asking Maryland legislators to take action to aid developmentally disabled individuals living without necessary services.


"It's important that students understand the power they have in their words," says Leary.

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Writing class takes active role in community

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"When you leave this class, you're going to know that argument matters and that you can make a difference." Leary added that "[you] need to be men and women for others and that's why you're here [at Loyola]."

Leary's class, titled the Art of the Argument, is a service-learning class at Loyola. Service-learning classes require students to perform at least 20 hours of hands-on service work. The students in Leary's class are fulfilling this requirement through their interviews with families, conducted over the phone and in person, and with their letter writing.

Speaking about her impressions of the service-learning experience, freshman Lauren Loeffler says, "It's something different than every other class."

"Sometimes, you wouldn't even think of doing service, but the class is cool because it adds another element to it and connects you to the outside world," continued Loeffler.

Leary, who first worked in conjunction with The Waiting List Campaign with her argument class from the spring of 2007, says that service-learning was "the most amazing teaching experience I ever had. [I] saw students who realized that their writing arguments can make a difference."

The student letters, mailed out at the end of February, will reach legislators in Annapolis just prior to when they have to vote on various appropriations the state will consider. According to Munro, people at The Waiting List hope that the advocacy being done by Loyola students will help persuade Maryland delegates and senators to take the individuals on The Waiting List into consideration. Letters were also sent to Governor O'Malley in the hopes that he too will be jolted into taking action.

Commenting on the impact the students in Leary's argument class are having on The Waiting List Campaign, Munro noted that "the Loyola students are absolutely amazing."

"Loyola students are doing us a huge favor with their advocacy...this is such a smart project [because] it's very easy to look out in the world and see things we need to argue for and defend against, and this is not the most obvious topic that would come up."

Perhaps, for Kenny, life will soon return to normal.



TOM PENNINGTON/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

American was forced to cancel more than 200 flights after an FAA review of maintenance records discovered a potential problem their aircrafts. The past month Southwest, AA, and Delta have faced financial difficulties due to mechanical difficulties.

Frontier Airlines files for bankruptcy but will keep flying

BY TERRY MAXON
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS - Denver-based Frontier Airlines Inc. became the fourth U.S. airline in less than a month to file Chapter 11 bankruptcy papers Friday, joining Aloha Airlines Inc., ATA Airlines Inc. and Skybus Airlines Inc.

However, Frontier will continue flying its airplanes, the carrier said, unlike the other three, which have grounded their aircraft and ceased operations.

Frontier blamed an unnamed credit card company that had tried to "substantially increase" the amount of customer receipts

the credit card company wanted to hold back and keep in reserve in case the airline ran into trouble.

The action, which was to begin Friday, "threatened to severely impact Frontier's liquidity," the carrier said.

"Frontier is committed to delivering exceptional customer service and we intend to continue delivering on that promise with normal operations throughout our reorganization process," Frontier president and chief executive Sean Menke said in a statement.

"To be clear, we filed for very different reasons than those of other recent carriers, and our customers and employees can be confident that we intend to keep on flying

and providing outstanding service and products," he said.

Menke said Frontier "has continued to perform relatively well in this difficult environment, and contrary to the trend, we have not seen a decrease in consumer demand, as demonstrated by our record traffic and revenue in March."

The credit card holdback "would have made it impossible for us to continue normal operations," he said. The bankruptcy filing will prevent the card company from increasing the holdback, Menke said.

"We are prepared to litigate this issue if necessary," he said.

No more Fridays in JHU's future?

BY KIM IRWIN
STAFF WRITER

Going home. Getting ahead with schoolwork. Sleeping late. In the past, Johns Hopkins University students enjoyed the option of scheduling all of their classes on Monday through Wednesday, often leaving the freedom of a long weekend ahead of them.

But not anymore.

Johns Hopkins University has switched their class scheduling to the more customary Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Tuesday, Thursday format – the system preferred by Loyola College and many other universities around the country. Bill Conley, Dean of Enrollment and Academic Services, says there are many reasons why the change occurred.

"There was a sense that our students were 'binge learning', cramming academic work into a short time frame," Conley said.

Some students do agree with the term 'binge learning'. Sophomore Gordon Mack, a Mechanical Engineering major, believes that by having classes in the beginning of the week, students are more apt to procrastinate.

"I agree with 'binge learning' because everyone would put assignments off until Sunday night," Mack said.

Not all students agree with this "binge learning" theory, however. Some students, such as sophomore Chris Ryder, used the time to get ahead in their school work. Ryder, a Political Science major, carried a course load of five classes while making the dean's list last semester, even though he had Thursdays and Fridays off.

"Although my classes were fit into three days a week last semester," Ryder said, "that does not mean that I was sitting idle by the other days of the week. On my days off from class I continued to do work and arrange all that needed to be done for the upcoming week."

John Bader, associate dean for Academic Programs and Advising, does not believe that students should have long weekends.

"Some students would try to choose classes that just met the first part of the week. Some did this legitimately, to put research and internships together. Others wanted a long weekend, and that's not why you go to college."

While some students, such as Mack, chose their time off to sleep, others used their time more beneficially. Ryder traveled to his hometown of Carmel, New York as well as prepared for the following week's assignments.

One other reason for the change is to have students stay on campus more, according to Conley. Ryder will be one of many who

will not be able to go home as often. As a result, he will miss out on one of his hobbies. As a runner, Ryder used to go home to run races, but now, he will be limited where he can race.

Ryder feels as though the college made a bad decision when going to this format. For his first three semesters, he was able to schedule his classes around his life rather than the other way around.

"I feel as though the new schedule is well-intentioned, but poorly carried out. The scheduling system the past three semesters allowed students to pick and choose when they had classes around their personal schedule."

However, Mack believes that this new format is not unfair, and that Hopkins is not demanding for anything outlandish.

"It is fair because they are not asking us to do something out of the ordinary; they are only asking us to do something that most every other college does which is a Monday, Wednesday, Friday system."

Bader says that there are still some students who will need to work on adjusting to this new schedule; Ryder is upset and does not think this change is reasonable.

"It takes a lot of personal decision making out of the hands of students and places it more in the hands of the administration. Rather than having the University decide how my time would be best used, I feel as though I know how my time should be used."

Mack is not pleased about the change. Instead of being able to sleep or have fun, he spends his time doing schoolwork.

"I have to do homework on a regular basis everyday, instead of once at the end of the week."

However, he has his own philosophy on how to handle the change.

"I am upset, but you just have to deal with it. You can't always get what you want."



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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 10, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees of Loyola College:

In recent weeks, we have become aware of the debate to change Loyola College's name to Loyola University. Having been quite disturbed by this possible change, we felt it necessary to offer this open letter to both you and the greater Loyola College community to share our views.

Let us start by stating that we do not fear change. As students at Loyola College, we have been witness to a number of great achievements at the College over the last decade. The restoration of academic buildings, construction of new dormitories, and the growth of the Honors and Alpha Programs have been welcomed and appreciated by all members of the Loyola College community.

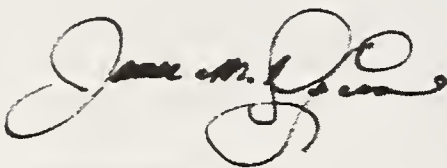
Still, we feel that the renaming of Loyola to Loyola University neither fully reflects the heritage and identity of the College nor does it promote the overall objectives of continued academic excellence of Loyola. As you recall, similar debates over a change of name have occurred over the last decade. We believe that the reasons for maintaining the identity of Loyola as Loyola College have not changed.

It is our belief that by becoming Loyola University we will actually be defeating the stated purposes for such a change. We would become just another Loyola University among many. While the Loyolas in Chicago and New Orleans are fine academic institutions, our business students learn early that the creation of a successful brand depends upon name recognition and individual identity. Thus, we would all be better served by focusing on the continued promotion of academic excellence and making Loyola College a household name, just as Boston College has done. By becoming Loyola University we would undermine our ability to establish a singular identifiable brand.


Ultimately, the name of the institution is really about who we are and how we identify ourselves. At the risk of sounding parochial, Loyola College seems a better fit to the close-knit College community which is the mark of a Loyola education. We should not allow ourselves to be swayed by the ephemeral arguments of marketing consultants or the perceived peer pressure placed upon us by the actions of other universities. A simple shift in marketing would not address any of the challenges posed to the College, nor would it advance our continued growth and success. Such gains can only be achieved by additional aggressive recruitment of highly qualified students and faculty to our institution.

When asked which undergraduate institution they attend, we want the students of the future to simply answer Loyola College or perhaps "LC" and not have to add a geographic qualifier as the students of Loyola Chicago or Loyola New Orleans must do. Our students deserve better than that.

Respectfully yours,



JAMES M. DE LEON B.S.'06



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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Waterboarding approval questionable

On Wednesday, news sources reported that President Bush's senior advisers approved, "enhanced interrogation techniques" to use on al Qaeda suspects by the CIA. Sources in high office have orated that top advisers now are in favor of CIA interrogation techniques for al Qaeda suspects. Some of these methods include sleep deprivation, slapping, pushing and the simulation of drowning, called waterboarding.

Waterboarding consists of laying a victim down on their back with their head inclined in a downward position as water is poured over their face. This stimulates the affect of forced suffocation and inhalation of water, and the victim will often believe that death is imminent.

In the past, Bush and other administration officials have condemned the use of torturous techniques to gather information from suspects in terrorism. The fact that that this administration has now chosen to "allow" such techniques publicly shows a systematic disregard for the traditions and morals Americans hold close, as well as a dishonesty that has proven more clear and predictable year by year.

Torture has long been a level to which the US has not stooped in war situations, as a source of traditional pride. In a situation of torture, a victim can easily proclaim any information, true or not. The level of anxiety and fear may drive people to admit something, anything, as long as the terror stops. This does not seem to be an accurate method of obtaining information. There have been no proven positive outcomes to interrogative systems of torture, at least none that result in permanently concluding any major wars, recent or past.

There is also the question of humanity. As students at a Jesuit college such as Loyola, we should be outraged, if not at least disturbed by policies put forward by the leaders that represent us in Washington. We are taught to think of the consequences of our actions, especially on a moral standpoint.

When faced with the idea of torture as a possible future for war, it is questionable as to whether or not it is worth reconsidering such ethics to trudge forward. Instead of using "enhanced interrogation techniques" such as waterboarding to aid the U.S involvement, we should rely on the high standard of intelligence and reasonability that has helped the country gain anti-terrorism knowledge in the past.

Hopefully, this decision will not result in any major depletion of moral and reasonable standards in both international and national information gathering.

■ Government strategy for success



Teacher of the year illustrates stature of Loyola College

As a former student of his, I was tremendously pleased to learn that Dr. Michael Franz was selected as Loyola's Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008. In addition to extending my congratulations to Dr. Franz and his family, I would like to point out two reasons why this year's honoree is an especially appropriate choice for the college.

Dr. Franz epitomizes the liberal-arts ideal of the interdisciplinary teacher. His dedication to the traditional concept of the academy has inspired him to stretch the limits of his discipline, bringing his students an ever-widening array of courses that touch on the human condition. Dr. Franz has the uncanny ability to cast intellectual threads through seemingly disparate eras and minds, drawing the fabric of Western civilization together to reveal the fundamental patterns of human nature.

Second only to his breadth of knowledge is his determination to inspire individual inquiry on the part of students. Rather than summarizing passages or directing his charges to secondary research,

Dr. Franz works to make even the most difficult subject matter appear accessible and inviting in the first instance. He does this so his students can engage the primary sources of political thought without relying on the work of previous scholars. In this sense, Dr. Franz does not teach political science; he teaches the philosopher's skill.

Insofar as the goal of our faculty should be to prepare students for a lifetime of independent learning, Dr. Franz is the consummate professor. Vibrant and individualized communication of the power of holistic thinking rarely finds a champion among the elite faculty at larger institutions; too often these professors become disconnected from their students and preoccupied with either ad hoc observationalism or ideological bickering. But despite its relatively small stature, Loyola College can boast that it has professors like Dr. Franz in nearly every department.

We must be careful not to discount the roles that our college's small size and pedagogical philosophy have played in producing this

remarkably strong faculty. As our administration begins in earnest to reconsider Loyola's identity as a liberal arts institution, we would do well to explore the reasons why professors like Dr. Franz are held in such high regard by their students.

Dr. Franz, and the countless undergraduates he has guided in his two decades at this institution, stands as an exemplar of why Loyola College should not change its name to reflect its formal status as a university.

Rather, Loyola should consciously resolve to keep its current name, in order to manifestly embrace the meaningful identity that it has earned, and continues to earn every day, in the classrooms where professors like Dr. Franz teach the liberal art of philosophical inquiry.

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Poll Question of the Week:

If you could vote in the Pennsylvania primary on April 22, which Democratic presidential contender would receive your vote?

- Hillary Clinton
- Barack Obama

Last issue's poll (Results not scientific):

What will higher gas prices mean for your summer?

- It doesn't affect me - I'll still be driving as much as I normally would. (17%)
- I'll have to limit the number of road trips I take. (57%)
- Mom, can I have your credit card? (13%)
- I'll be vacationing in my living room. (13%)

Clothing should be produced under decent working conditions

The true March Madness is the sweatshop conditions under which college clothing is manufactured. While college basketball was at the center of the sporting world's attention, fans across the country followed the games, cheered for their favorite teams and donned their favorite college T-shirt.

Unfortunately, as the games were dissected and analyzed from every angle, a much more important story was hardly mentioned. While most consumers know who plays point guard for their favorite team, very few of them are aware of what is happening in the factories where college apparel is produced.

Tens of thousands of workers in many countries work in factories that produce college apparel, and most earn poverty wages, are required to work extremely long hours and work in unsafe conditions. Major brands like Nike, Adidas and Reebok hold the licenses to market college apparel, and they use contractor factories to manufacture the product. Intense competition pushes these contractors to offer the absolute lowest price, forcing factory managers to keep wages as low as possible rather than pay the extra couple of cents per T-shirt that it would cost to respect the rights of workers.

The result is that, across the board, university clothes are made in factories where workers are not receiving anywhere near enough to support themselves or their families. According to research published by the Worker Rights Consortium, wages in key apparel producing countries would need to be doubled or tripled to cover the cost of basic needs like food, clothing, housing and health care. For the American consumer, however, this would add less

than a dollar to the cost of a \$35 sweatshirt.

Brands need permission to use university names and logos, a relationship which gives the university community a great deal of power to help ensure that the workers producing their apparel have decent working conditions.

Anyone who goes to college, sends his or her kids to college, works for a college, or roots for a college sports team can significantly improve the lives of tens of thousands of garment workers - at little cost to American consumers - by urging college presidents to change this system.

College students already have been taking action on this issue. For the past 10 years, students on university campuses across the United States and Canada have been demanding that universities hold the brands accountable for these sweatshop conditions.

Students and universities have forced these brands to disclose where their factories are located, to agree to a set of better standards for their factories and to open up their factories to investigation by independent monitoring organizations like the Worker Rights Consortium. Unfortunately, due to the brands' unwillingness to take these obligations seriously, clothes are still produced in sweatshops.

It is for this reason that United Students Against Sweatshops proposed, in 2005, that universities adopt a policy called the Designated Suppliers Program (DSP), which would require that university licensees source their apparel from factories where workers have the right to form a union and where they earn enough to support a family. In addition, the DSP would

require these brands to pay a fair price for their goods in order to ensure that factories are receiving enough money to respect the rights of their workers. To date, this is the only program that has been proposed that would truly address the college apparel sweatshop problem. It is a necessary step for all universities that are truly committed to the enforcement of basic workers' rights in their apparel supply chain.

So far, only 40 major universities have endorsed the principles of the DSP and have committed to working toward its implementation. Only nine of the colleges that were represented in the men's NCAA Division I tournament have committed to holding their licensees to this higher standard.

Whether or not your college had a stake in this year's tournament, it is critical that college presidents commit to this program. As institutions that care about more than just the bottom line, colleges have a moral obligation to use their power to make a positive difference in the world.

Students have presented the university community with an opportunity to take a leadership role in the global struggle for dignity and respect for workers. Expressing public support and commitment to the DSP costs a university nothing, but it promises to make a tremendous difference in the lives of those who produce your favorite t-shirt.

Eric Sharfstein

Don't question the experts: To win in Iraq, U.S. troops must stay

General Petraeus and Ambassador-to-Iraq Ryan Crocker sat before the Armed Services Committee on the fifth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad. The two sat answering questions about the war for hours and gave some interesting responses, some

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of which demonstrated that we truly do have some of America's best people working on the situation.

When it comes to the war in Iraq, many believe that if we are indeed making progress, it is going much too slowly. The idea that Iraq may be the next Vietnam has even been flung around in the past couple of years, and has been fueled even more by John McCain's comment that we may be in Iraq for 100 years.

Petraeus was asked what he believed about the Iraqi military situation and responded, "At the end of the day, let me just state upfront I absolutely support the principle of civilian control of the military. We're not self-employed in uniform. We take orders, and we follow them."

With the presidential election coming up people are also asking themselves what they would like to happen in the Iraq War. Obama wants to quickly withdraw the troops and completely get the United States out of the region.

Crocker was asked about what a troop withdrawal from a newly elected president might do and he responded by saying, "I talked about what some of those consequences could be, including a base in the Arab world for Al-Qaeda."

It's clear that these two men have the situation in Iraq well-grasped. Petraeus understands the type of war that we are fighting and the potential downfall of the region if we do fail. Crocker understands that a withdrawal and a failure in Iraq are

pretty much synonymous, not to mention very bad for America and the Iraqi people (Al-Qaeda isn't good for anyone).

So what exactly would happen if we were to withdraw troops from Iraq immediately? Chaos would ensue. The three groups in Iraq that all want power - Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds - will do whatever is necessary to get that power. If you want to see an actual Iraqi civil war take place, simply remove the American troops that are keeping the peace and watch a potentially explosive situation finally explode.

Iraq is at a critical point right now, and the American people are starting to abandon the cause without realizing the consequences. Sure the war was not fought on the reasons that we were told. Yes, the war has been going on for more than five years. But, if we pull out the troops now there will be far more deaths to Iraqis than we could possibly imagine.

More than 600,000 soldiers died in the American civil war; could we really let even 1/8 of that occur in Iraq? America has lost 4,000 of our dearest men and women in battle in Iraq, but how much more is an American life worth than an Iraqi life? Does the good of the many outweigh the good of the few?

These are the questions that are going to be answered in November when people decide whether to elect Obama or McCain (at this point I'm ruling Clinton out). To boil it down, a vote for McCain is a vote for democracy in the Middle East and hope for the desperate. A vote for Obama is a vote for civil war and continued terror that these people felt everyday under Sadaam Hussein.

McCain has some sense of the problems that would ensue in the region if we were to simply pull out the troops. He understands that Iran would jump on that opportunity so that they could make a puppet state out of Iraq, and further exasperate the conflicts

within the country.

Obama, who wants to engage in open discussion with dictators, doesn't seem to understand the consequences of his actions in the Middle East. He would destabilize the entire region in the Middle East, and not think twice about it so long as all of our troops were not there.

We need to give Petraeus more time to do his job. Insurgency is not the sort of war we were expecting, and is most certainly not the sort of war that is going to go away overnight. Petraeus has hope that we can pull out of this Iraq situation looking great to the rest of the world, having brought democracy to the Middle East. McCain understands the way the military works and will trust Petraeus and his judgment whereas I cannot say the same for Obama.

Iraq is going to be a vital issue in the upcoming election. Tax breaks can hide a struggling economy but nothing can hide the ever-increasing death toll in Iraq. The only question now is whether or not we value the lives of civilians in Iraq. It sounds like an oxymoron, but if we truly are a compassionate country we will continue to fight the war.

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On The Quad

What is the strangest thing you've ever found while Spring Cleaning?

By Jesse DeFlorio



"A pair of underwear with someone else's name written inside them."

Colin Chenet, '11
Accounting



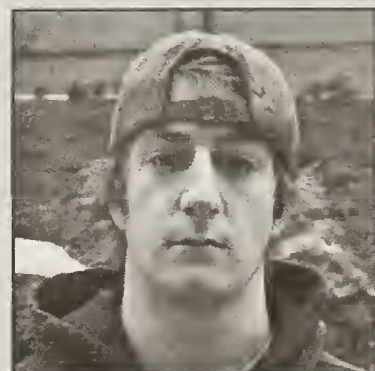
"A 6-month old loaf of bread."

Katie McEvoy, '08
Grace Ward, '08



"A 'Wet Floor' sign."

Danielle Klinges, '11
Business Management



"A circa 1987 Don Mattingly Topps baseball card. Signed."

Thomas Lindberg, '11
Finance



"On the last day of the semester, I went to clean my bathroom. Inside, I found a freshman boy going #2 on my toilet."

Rebecca Force, '08
Psychology

Do you want to be in "On The Quad?" Look for Jesse DeFlorio on the quad, Friday afternoons.

That's what she said: To date or not to date has never been a tougher question

This week's question is: "I'm into this girl who dated my friend a while back. I want to ask her to hang out but should she be off limits?"

COURTNEYCARBONE

This is tricky one. While attending a smaller college like Loyola has its own set of benefits (like shorter walks to class, an added ease to making friends and personalized attention from professors), it also comes with a unique set of limitations (such as fewer major options, course selections and living arrangements). These were some of the things that we took into consideration before we sent in our first tuition checks.

What you may not have realized was just how much a smaller student enrollment might significantly impact your social life. It's not Penn State, people. There will come a time when you're eventually going to overlap with your friends.

Just because the dating history of your group of friends is starting to resemble a Euler diagram, there is not necessarily a cause for alarm. Still, there are certain factors you should consider before making a move on a girl with whom one of your buddies already has a history.

To start, define "dated." How long ago was it? How long did it last? If they hooked

up in the bathroom of Reefer's freshman year and haven't talked since, I think it would be okay. If they have been together all of college and are taking a break when they go abroad, I would suggest you find someone with less baggage.

How good of friends are you with this guy? There's a huge difference between your roommate, rugby teammate and someone you let cut you in line while you were deciding between tuna and egg salad (the answer, of course, being neither). If the person is more of a "peripheral" friend, you probably don't have much to lose. On the other hand, if it's someone in your main circle of friends, don't do it. You'll regret it if the whole group gets awkward and your other friends are forced to pick sides (unless you're at Boston Market, things will probably get ugly).

Another factor to take into consideration is who broke things off with whom. If your friend was all about her for two weeks and then quickly moved on, he probably can't stake much claim. On the other hand, if he and this girl initially clicked and then she gradually started to taper off ("I have so much work to do all weekend;" "I've just been so busy I should have called;" or, my personal favorite, "Sorry, but tonight is girls' night"), your friend still might not be completely over it, even if he acts like he is.

You may also want to start by asking

yourself why it didn't work out with your friend. This could be a huge indicator as to what you're getting yourself into. If they had different interests, that's one thing. If her interests were calling him 12 times a day, showing up at his apartment unannounced, or figuring out the nationality of their future children, then that's another. You never know – some girls are crazy. Don't willingly inherit your friend's mistake.

So what if you're thinking, "Hey, I have unlimited text messages – it wouldn't bother me if she's a little clingy?" Whatever happened, make sure there's no bad blood between the two of them. Is it going to be uncomfortable if you hang out in a group? Could the next round of "Never Have I Ever" get particularly awkward? Take it from Vincent Chase – the last thing you need in your life right now is drama.

Before you do anything, you need to ask yourself: Is she even interested? Just because she randomly drunk dialed you when she was locked out doesn't mean she's doodling her first name and your last name together in her agenda (and even if she is...). You also need to make sure she isn't just using you to make your friend

jealous (not that any girls I know would ever manipulate a boy like that).

If you don't know how she feels, you run the risk of humiliating yourself in front of her as well as losing a friend. I'm all for taking leaps of faith, but just make sure you're going to land on some common ground. Even if you think she would initially be into it, she could change her mind when she finds out about your man crush on Conan O'Brien.

What if nothing has actually happened, but your friend's been into her for as long as you can remember? This is a tough situation, but nine times out of 10 you should take the high road. And, no, that doesn't mean rubbing it in his face as much as possible if it works out. Remember, bros should always come before outdated garden tools.

The last thing to consider is practicality. Is this girl truly worth it? Are you really willing to risk losing your friend? What are the chances of it actually working out?

Ultimately, the most important question is: If you don't do something, will you sincerely regret it, always wondering what might have happened?

There's your answer right there.

In politics, what matters is the wordplay

I hate words. At some point in life, they will assuredly guarantee some form of trouble for any person. Words are difficult to spell and have to adhere to nuisances such as grammar rules and proper syntax. And, thanks to George Orwell's "Politics and the English Language," you always have to exercise prudence and reasoned judgment prior to making words appear on paper.

ANDREWZALESKI

It's no wonder, then, that words breed controversy for politicians from time to time.

For a little more than a month, words have been doing just that – breeding controversy – for Sen. Obama. First, he was forced to confront comments made by his former pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, in reference to racial relations in America. From a political viewpoint, Obama handled that situation – verbally speaking – quite well. Then, Obama was bombarded with accusations of being an advocate for abortion and Planned Parenthood following remarks he made while campaigning in Pennsylvania; Obama said he didn't want his daughters "punished with a baby" if they happened to make a "mistake" (which was Obama's own mistake; regardless of the amount of favor Obama garners from many Americans, those specific comments he made were awfully improper and misguided).

But now an entirely new conundrum rooted in diabolical diction has presented itself to the senator. Obama is now defending himself against charges of elitism made by Senators Clinton and McCain in the wake of remarks he made referring to working-class Americans.

Obama said, while speaking about such working-class Americans angered by current economic conditions in this country, "It's not surprising, then, they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

Yeah, so what?

The Clinton and McCain campaigns have latched onto Obama's comments in the hopes of exploiting them for their own political purposes. Noting that the comments reflect a sense of social elitism, both Clin-

ton and McCain have criticized Obama's supposed verbal snafu as insensitive.

Damn it, those words are troublesome enough – do we really need to be "politically correct" as well?

I would be offended by Obama's remarks, but there is nothing embedded in his words which should upset anyone. As is typically the case in America, people hate hearing unflattering truths about themselves. Rather than take the time to reflect upon what a person said, individuals instead resort to a short-fused, easy offended-ness strategy which requires no one to take a deep, personal look in a metaphorical mirror.

Could Obama have phrased his remarks more "softly?" Possibly.

But, frankly, it is pure human nature to label someone or something the scapegoat as a means of explaining personal mental, emotional, or financial woes. In an America where, generally, a direct correlation exists between one's personal level of comfort and one's yearly salary, it makes perfect sense for working-class Americans to rail against other issues dotting the political landscape as an indirect method for criticizing the country's economic shortcomings.

Therefore, shouldn't this suggest to working-class Americans that there is no reason to become offended when a public figure merely recognizes the behavior?

Furthermore, the idea of any political figure labeling a fellow political contemporary as "elitist" is ridiculous. Politicians on the national level run because they believe their ideas and policies will have a positive effect on America. Presidential contenders, invariably, harbor a belief that their methodologies and practices will best serve the nation. By any measure, is this not elitist in and of itself?

Last time I checked, Clinton and McCain were presidential contenders.

Assuredly, from here on out, the presidential contest will be a struggle mired in an abundance of verbiage. Here's to hoping everyone involved can keep words in their proper perspective.

BARK BACK

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The deadline for letters is Friday.

THUMBS

BY G.M.BLUTH AND
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Tour Guide Syndrome

If you've ever been around on Accepted Students Day when thousands of freshmen-to-be flock to the Evergreen campus all wide-eyed at the prospect of COLLEGE, then you've probably witnessed a few attacks of Tour Guide Syndrome. The patient presents as a typical, 18- to 22-year-old college student who carries a number of Loyola-based gripes from work overload, to nickel-and-diming, to RA issues, to future indebtedness. But the moment a prospective student (or prospective parents) step into that student's perimeter, Loyola is the best decision he ever made. Sure he'll tell you all about his major and all the best professors to take. And make sure you go abroad. Oh yeah, definitely come to Loyola. We think this affliction is caused by small seizures but it really is amusing.

One-Act(ion packed)

Thumbs up to Matt Anderson and Joshua Ferri for putting on two outstanding One-Act plays this past weekend. And everyone should make sure to see Caryl Churchill's *Heart's Desire*, directed by Alec Lawson, '09, Neil Simon's *Visitor from Mamaroneck*, directed by Tom Saporito, '08, and Jean Paul Sartre's *No Exit*, directed by Kendra Richard, '08, this weekend.

Hounding the Dogs

Thumbs up to the Loyola Men's Lacrosse team for defeating the Georgetown Hoyas in this weekend's game. Congrats, gentlemen, and keep up the good work!



Pet Peeves

The following is a list of things that can't really merit their very own Thumb Down but all together they raise a digit and it ain't the thumb:

- *People who chew with incredible volume
- *People who can never seem to get the lyrics to songs right
- *Movies that say the title of the movie in the movie
- *Improper and excessive use of quotation fingers
- *Excessive use of condiments, just eat a plate of ketchup already
- *People who are rude to waiters
- *Overdramatic couples
- *Really excellent and relaxing space-outs that are interrupted by someone's crotch or some other inappropriate and unsightly object getting in the way
- *People who say stupid things loudly and in public – actually we love them, they're hilarious
- *People that recommend bad movies
- *Daylight savings time
- *Bad drivers who are in denial
- *Meetings
- *Televangelists – we just can't believe that God chose a guy on Cable TV with a bad haircut as his Divine Messenger
- *Grocery Store Stalkers – do you really need to look at the same bag of frozen broccoli at the same time we are?
- *Fishing for compliments
- *Comedians who aren't funny – what is your reason for being?
- *Over use of the snooze button.
- *Motivational posters
- *Slow walking groups (usually female) that walk side-by-side across the bridge

Boycotting the Olympics? Why Olympic Games protesters should lay off the torch

This past week, I watched the news coverage of protests surrounding the Olympic torch with varying degrees of dismay. In Paris, one of more than 500 protesters tried to knock the torch out of a Paralympic athlete's hands. After that, organizers deemed it necessary to put the torch back inside the Olympic bus to avoid another confrontation. And in San Francisco last Wednesday, after three people shimmied up the cables of the Golden Gate Bridge to put up "Free Tibet" posters, organizers drastically rerouted the torch route, and police officers jogged on either side of the procession to protect it from protesters.

CHRISTINAKISER

I think it's safe to say that the upcoming Summer Olympics in Beijing are causing a bit of controversy. There are three main reasons why there's been such a brouhaha over the August 2008 Games: The first is China's dubious human rights record. Second is China's iron-fisted control of Tibet. And finally, China's open relationship with Sudan is also to blame — it's a turnoff for most of the Western world.

I will be honest, when I heard that the next Olympic Games would be in China, I thought, "Wait, China? Why China?" I knew that the air pollution in its major cities — like Beijing — is quite bad, which can't

be great for athletes. And it just seemed so far away, in a part of the world that I knew little about.

Even if the Games were going to be in a distant land with a very different culture than ours, I was — and still am — excited.

I love the Olympics. That majestic theme music (you know the one I'm talking about) gives me goose bumps every time I hear it. I love hearing the athletes' stories; stories about how they began taking gymnastics at the age of three, or at 5 years old started playing tennis and kept at it and somehow ended up here. I love cheering on the American team; I'll be watching for Michael Phelps, remembering his name up on the records board at the FAC (and remembering that he almost went here...but that's another story).

And where the U.S. doesn't have medal contenders, I'll cheer for other nationalities. The Olympics is like the world's biggest team competition, all ideally performed in an atmosphere of goodwill and

friendliness among nations.

However, the atmosphere leading up to this year's Games has been anything but ideal.

After watching some of the footage of the protests in London and Paris, I wondered if maybe the International Olympic Committee should have picked a different host city. Didn't they consider how controversial a choice Beijing would be?

Then I reasoned with myself and said,

“...the atmosphere leading up to this year's Games has been anything but ideal.”

“Well, okay, it was a controversial choice, and I don't agree with China's policies on a lot of things. But this is the Olympics, not a political summit, and Beijing ultimately has as much right to host them as any other city.”

That's why I don't agree with the prevailing opinion that the United States should boycott the Summer Olympics in China.

Yes, the protests made a point regarding how the West feels about China's policies toward human rights, Tibet and Sudan. People had the right to make those protests — that's what freedom of speech is about, after all.

But I think that's as far as the politics should go. If we were to boycott the Olympics, the action would basically make the same point, but at a greater expense — that of the athletes. For these men and women and all the people supporting them — coaches, teammates, family, friends — who have worked so hard to achieve a goal, boycotting would be an utter waste. I think it would be a monumental disappointment for these athletes who want to represent us so proudly.

As Loyola students, we would not be able to cheer on our own Philip Scholz, who just qualified to compete as a swimmer with the U.S. Paralympic Team.

The Olympic Games are supposed to be

about the art of athletics and sports — speed, agility, gracefulness — not about politics.

But considering that the Olympics are really the only time when nearly all the nations of the world come together, it can be easy for tensions to flare and hard to leave politics at the door.

Many times, it's proved downright impossible. The United States, along with

several other countries, boycotted the 1980 Games in Moscow in protest of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. In turn, most of the then-Soviet bloc boycotted the 1984 Games in Los Angeles. Besides boycotts, there was

the Black Power salute by two American sprinters at the 1968 Mexico City Games that resulted in their being banned from the Olympic Village and sent home. And in what's perhaps the most shocking and inappropriate show of politics during the Olympics, the Nazis used the 1936 Berlin Games as pure propaganda for their cause.

Basically, history has proved that politics often clouds the true spirit and intent of the Olympic Games. Now in 2008, they haven't even started yet (opening ceremonies: August 8) and political turmoil is threatening them.

Yes, it's very important to be aware of world politics and to empathize with those who are oppressed. But I just don't think that the Olympic Games is the right place for it.

Regarding human rights for women, Liberals should practice what they preach

The exploitation of women is a universal reality which continues to be prevalent in many (or perhaps the majority) of societies. One of the most astounding and incomprehensible forms of such oppression is female circumcision.

NATALIARIVERA

Also known as female genital mutilation, the act itself refers to any sort of procedure involving the removal of part or all of a girl's external genitalia. The circumcision is often performed under unsanitary conditions and usually without anesthetics. Girls who undergo this procedure face high probabilities of infection, excessive bleeding, disease and even death.

The main purpose of this act is to preserve a girl's virginity and honor. This act is practiced in about 28 African countries and parts of Asia. UNICEF indicates that mutilation is increasing in Europe, Australia, Canada and the United States among African immigrants as well as immigrants from Southwest Asia.

Female genital mutilation is a human rights violation under international law. Policies and laws have been implemented to outlaw the act in several different countries. Despite the policies, projects increasing public awareness and obvious international disapproval of the act, the World Health Organization indicates that the decline of this practice has been slow.

The fact that international efforts have not led to significant declines in the practice is almost unbelievable. It is a well-known fact that female genital mutilation causes serious medical and psychological complications which can maim a girl for life.

Where are these international efforts go-

ing wrong?

In general, human rights advocates tend to be liberals. These well-intentioned individuals attempt to dissolve poverty and inequality with absolute diplomacy and pacifist ideologies. I should know — I am a liberal. I have always believed in social justice and cultural understanding. I would usually make an effort to understand cultural circumstances leading to social unrest and injustice. However, I do have my limits.

Liberals constantly make the mistake of not directly condemning social atrocities because they are fearful of being “offensive.” If they do disapprove of an act, they emphasize the apparent importance of understanding the “cultural aspects” surrounding the act.

This preoccupation with “political correctness” also extends to the issue of female genital mutilation.

Many liberal human rights advocates claim that the most effective way of combating the practice is through “cultural understanding.” People must not feel that their culture or their “religious” views are being criticized. Rather, they should be given the opportunity to learn about the disadvantages of female circumcision. Female circumcision will be eliminated through the use of diplomacy and compassionate open-mindedness.

This peaceful approach would be ideal — if it actually worked.

In Egypt, for example, the Health Ministry ordered the elimination of the practice in 1996. However, female circumcision is still a common practice in the country.

In September of 2007, a 13-year-old girl was sent to a clinic to have her clitoris removed. She died and the clinic was shut down. People protested, demanding that the clinic be reopened.

Circumcision would continue regardless of what the government demanded. Female circumcision in Egypt is “justified” by centuries of tradition. It is believed that an uncircumcised female is unworthy of marriage and is prone to be promiscuous. It is a supported tradition which does not adhere to religion (in this case, Islam). Basically, there are no signs of this practice being abolished anytime soon.

Liberals' main fear is being perceived as insensitive radicals who associate female genital mutilation with a particular group or religion. But any person with common sense realizes that it is erroneous and idiotic to make that assumption. Female genital mutilation has nothing to do with religious beliefs. In the case of Islam, there is nothing in the Quran that requires female circumcision. This act is based upon customs

which should no longer be encouraged.

Liberals need to realize that condemning female genital mutilation does not equate to insulting religion. As for the issue with culture, no social aspect which interferes with the health and well-being of human beings should be condoned. Whatever the traditional purposes of this practice may be, the negative consequences clearly outweigh the benefits.

Female genital mutilation is a form of degradation meant to limit a woman's worth to her virginity. Policies and international efforts must address this practice for what it is: a human rights violation. Culture becomes completely irrelevant when social structures interfere with human welfare. It's about time we start making our message clear: Nothing justifies the continued oppression of women.

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A perfect pairing? Beneath the surface, religion and science have common bonds

Recently, a renowned British physicist has been in the news for making some serious scientific strides. Unfortunately, the particulars of these strides are a bit out of my grasp, but I'll try to boil them down as best I can. For the last 40 years, Peter

PETERBARTELS

Higgs has been inching ever closer to an explanation of the origins of our universe. For all the research that physicists have done regarding the Big Bang Theory, there is still a gap between what has been mathematically proven and what still remains a mystery. Higgs, however, believes that he has found one more step in the process of closing that gap, a discovery that has come to be called the "God particle."

This particle, the existence of which Higgs claims to be on the verge of proving,

is said to give other particles their mass, and would therefore be vital in explaining many of the questions scientists have yet to answer regarding the birth of matter and life as we know it.

Higgs hopes to make this discovery under conditions that would hurl particles at each other at the practical speed of light, but the implications of this breakthrough involves more than the collision of particles.

Historically, man has always looked to the supernatural when faced with the inex-

plicable. Theisms, religions and faiths are all belief systems that center on the existence of some sort of deity or supernatural being. All are based on explaining what logic, observation and science cannot. Now, however, our world is full of knowledge gleaned from scientific research, and the proportion of the unexplained to the understood is continually shrinking. Given the ever-growing amassment of scientific information today, it seems that we have little else to wonder at or believe in.

Higgs' discovery in particular takes a swing at one of the deepest and most baffling mysteries of our world: Its origin. Those who believe in God can accept the Big Bang Theory because there is still the missing piece of whom or what was there to start it. Many point to this gap as proof that God, or something similar to a god, exists. Higgs' "God particle" however, would effectively fill this gap, leaving even less

room for the presence of an omnipotent, supernatural being.

For many, science and religion are perpetually at odds, vying

for precedence in our political, social and educational worlds. Discoveries like Higgs' are seen as threats to people of faith, and (as is the case with the God particle), are often met with overzealous skepticism, protests and outright rejection. Even with a whole host of evidence, scientific progress in areas that challenge religious tradition are often ignored. The question, then, is

why these two fields are so often seen as purely adversarial.

The problem seems to be one of semantics. While certain people of faith may reject the challenges of science because they fear that they take the place of religious beliefs, there are many others – myself included – who see science simply as a different way of describing the same thing. Here, science serves as proof for the existence

of God, rather than the more commonly held contrary. The discovery of the solar system, of gravity, of photosynthesis, of cells and atoms and particles – all are just ways of re-labeling His greatest feats. What were once called miracles we now refer to as scientific phenomena, but that doesn't mean any of the wonder is gone. Scientific discoveries simply give us a language to describe these miracles. Perhaps most important, though, is the fact that you don't need to look at dramatic and significant events like The Big Bang to find God. Take last week for instance, when I saw God in an apple and on YouTube.

In my English class a few days back I was munching on an apple and marveling at its design. If you think marveling at an apple is odd, bear with me and try to consider its magnificence. The apple I held in my hand was probably treated with various hormones and fertilizer enhancers, but apples in their purest form come directly from nature. They are the unaltered product of our

world, and they are utterly amazing. Just think of the remarkable act of simply walking up to a tree, plucking away its contents and instantly receiving tasty nutrients. It is this all too serendipitous convenience and seemingly perfect design that convinces me of the existence of God. I've always assumed that the

first person to cut open a pineapple must have felt like he'd found a gold mine, but maybe a better guess would be that he felt

like he'd found God.

To take this idea of design a bit further, I was recently shown a clip on YouTube created by Harvard Biovisions that uses animation in an attempt to create the most accurate representation of what actually goes on inside a human cell. The processes are absolutely unbelievable, and I would challenge anyone who sees this incomprehensibly acute level of design to not see God in its intricacy.

The point I hope I have arrived at is that science is inescapable, but it shouldn't be something from which people of faith feel a need to escape. Regardless of the vocabulary man uses to describe the amazing happenings of our world, the labels will never lessen the level of undeniable wonder that comes from observing their seemingly perfect and utterly harmonious design. Higgs can call the creator of the universe a particle, but I will still see it as simply another well-crafted tool created by the ultimate designer.

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Student directors shine in the Evergreen Players' One Acts

BY LAILA HANSON
ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Start with some weird, adulterous escapades. Stir in some seemingly innocent bystanders and a kidnapped writer. Sprinkle in an eerily realistic "painting" of a Loyola College actress and a heartwarming poem. Finally, pour in enough alcohol to make a small country float. With these enjoyable, if somewhat off-track, elements at their foundation, the first round of the student-directed one-act plays wrapped up last weekend.

This year, amid the chilling spring weather, Loyola's Directing II class chose five one-act plays to present to the college community as a part of the Evergreen Players. The plays are entirely student run, from the directing to the set work.

Nicole Iovino, President of the Evergreen Players commented, "[The one-act plays are] really fun, because [they're] student directed. So, it's all student work put into it, it's something that we've all been working on since we were freshman here. Like, learning [about] different parts of the theater, and how to direct, you know, you take directing classes. It's a really great opportunity for the five directors to actually direct their own shows. Four of them are seniors, so the majority of them were involved in the one-acts when they were freshman. It was our freshman year and

all student directed, and everything is by the students, and they've all worked so hard. So it's a really cool thing."

This past weekend, the first two plays of the series, Woody Allen's, "Old Saybrook" and, "A Nervous Smile" by John Belluso

seems normal except for the more-than-jovial friendliness that one of the house residing couples, Norman and Sheila (played by Paul Zajac and Katherine Egan) display towards the visitors (played by Colin Reilly and Katie Cowan). Soon, though, a secret notebook filled with the details of the affair

the U.S Open!" Without missing a beat, Sheila responds with equal fervor, "Your wife is the U.S Open!" Each actor played a role entirely different from each of the others, resulting in a highly energetic comedy with easily distinguishable characters. For example, Kyle Sanphy, who played David, expertly embodied the oblivious golf enthusiast, complete with air headed remarks and looks. Egan scarily portrayed the jealous wife, jabbing around a fire poker like a wand.

When asked why he chose this play to direct, senior Matt Anderson said, "Why did I choose the show? For some reason, it was more than funny. It was something that, it spoke to me, I guess. To human interaction, I guess, and relationships, and people, and how crazy people are. Kind of the difference between people being real, people being fake, real people being fake, fake people being real. It was all good stuff, and it took me forever to figure it out, and I think I have an idea now."

On the other end of the spectrum, the next play up, "A Nervous Smile," dealt with darker themes. The adultery of the previous play carried over, but this time it was more accepted. The play centers on a couple, Eileen and Brian (Janine Harouni and Ryan Kamp) who, like their friend Nic (Brittany Wallace) have a child afflicted with cerebral palsy. Eileen is a disturbed, but rich, pill-addicted woman who seems to go out of



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The Evergreen Players' "One Acts" featured the talent of Loyola students as they directed, acted, and even built the sets to their performances. Student directors Matt Anderson and Joshua Ferri directed "Old Saybrook" and "A Nervous Smile", both plots revolved around adultery.

senior Matt Anderson, centered on a story that brought elements of the soap opera to mind. With a cast consisting of three couples and a

between Norman and Jenny, Sheila's sister, is discovered, resulting in an over-the-top fest of anger and accusatory remarks.



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"Old Saybrook" featured the talents of Katie Cowan, Dan Procaccini, and Colin Riley. The Woody Allen play was directed by Loyola's Matt Anderson.



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Ryan Kamp (above) and Janine Harouni (below) starred in "A Nervous Smile" by John Belluso. The play revolves around the lives of some Manhattanites who abandon their cerebral palsy afflicted children for easier lives.



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Hilary Stingley and Katherine Egan also star in the adultery-themed Woody Allen play, "Old Saybrook," that is set in the countryside of Connecticut.

our senior year, so I don't know if they have a set plan of how often they'll do it. But it's a lot of fun for everyone involved who was involved in the one acts their freshman year. That is my biggest joy I get out of it, that it's

single writer, the story seemed to highlight the absurdity of some human relationships. Two couples are living in a house together when a third couple visits; they had lived in the house previously. At first, everything

"Old Saybrook" was brought to glory with some key lines in the play.

When informed that his wife has been having an affair with his brother-in-law, golf enthusiast David cries, "I'm missing

her way to make others feel uncomfortable. Nic and Brian are having an affair, much to Eileen's agreement. Together, the three people decide to abandon their responsibilities and

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Herdson's "Bleu Picnic" troupe brings improv to Loyola

BY MATT GWIN
STAFF WRITER

Loyola's annual little siblings weekend marked the fifth performance (this year) of Bleu Picnic, the College's student-based improv troop. Founded by Michael Herdson of Student Life, the group uses audience-driven cues in which to sketch the directions of their skits. Formed last year, the troupe has established a style similar to that of famed television show "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" where off-beat antics and clever off-the-cuff humor is at the center of the show's spontaneity.

Improv, unlike other forms of performance art, requires not only the crowd's pivotal involvement, but the members' ability to anticipate words and actions of the rest of the cast. The scenes in which the group is able to build on one another's material in a coherent and entertaining fashion are electric. However, improv is "Not just about coming up with things that we think will make people laugh." Quick wit and the real talent of being able to perform in front of a large body of people is only a piece of what goes into the success of Bleu Picnic. Practices and workshops led by Herdson coupled with the close friendships between the six members allow a certain fluidity that seems natural and unforced.

Herdson, who has been formally trained in improv, is concerned first and foremost with developing the cohesive qualities that make the show have the illusion of effortlessness. Off stage, Herdson is genial but with a business-like quality, taking the work he has done, and the future of the

troupe seriously. The group, who has for the most part performed at charitable Loyola functions, is exercising the kinks in their craft, hoping to eventually move beyond campus. However, the troupe realizes that community clout, the kind that Baltimore Improv Group has, is needed in order to book shows elsewhere.

Onstage there is a metamorphosis. Herdson along with seniors Tom Saporito,

the audience's senses to the brink, at times crying from head-hurting laughter. One of the peaks within the hour-and-a-half show was the "gibberish game." In this particular situation the members of the audience construct an outlandish story in which all but two members of the troupe are aware of. Using only nonsensical words and actions, the members come in one by one to view the gibberish story, then recreate it. The troupe

them. Countless bands have made statements like "it's all about the fans," but the reality is that statements such as those are all part of the overall act of a ploy to exploit the fan. It is evident in seeing Bleu Picnic live that they genuinely have a true bond with those who have come to see the show. The troupe remembers one instance in which a girl approached them after a show and thanked them for making her laugh, explaining that she had a particularly bad week. Stories such as these are the reasons in which the troupe enjoys this particular branch of entertainment.

Sitting outside the Reading Room, the six troupe members and I sat around, discussing the group's past and future, the night's performance and their bond. With humble sincerity, the troupe's founder Michael Herdson stated, "On this campus especially, we need to learn how to laugh at ourselves." In a place where many people feel that everything they say and do needs some kind of collective permission, Bleu Picnic allows the audience to laugh at their "goofish" antics, as well as themselves in a comedy-friendly environment, reminding us that no one should take themselves too seriously.

With three of the six members graduating in a month, the troupe plans on having one more show. As of right now there has been no serious discussion about the ways in which the troupe will evolve in the immediate future. The craft that Tom and Mike have brought to this campus is a testament to the growing culture of performing arts on Loyola College's (university's?) campus, and the student body's willingness to embrace it.



NORA BENEDICT/GREYHOUND

Senior Tom Saporito, pictured above, is one of the six members of the Loyola-based improv comedy troupe, Bleu Picnic.

Tim Hillmann, Tim Mintel, and sophomores Colin Reilly and Travis Seminara, mold into whichever persona adheres best to the storyline and audience suggestions. Modulating voices and accents, high energy and rapid movement around the stage pushes

pre-selects the style of skit, and is able to rehearse hypothetical situations, but in scenes such as gibberish, they have no control over the story in which they are acting out.

Often live performers try to induce the viewers into believing they have a bond with

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run away to experience a better life, away from their draining children. In the journey, they are challenged both morally and emotionally.

Director Josh Ferri, '08, says in the program, "When others read the script, they asked what sick motive possessed me to choose a show about despicable people performing unspeakable acts. I would tell these skeptics that not only will you like these characters, by the end, you will empathize with them.

For me, A Nervous Smile is a play about



JESSE DEFLOIRIO/GREYHOUND

Paul Zajac and Colin Reilly are pictured above in "Old Saybrook," an energetic comedy whose characters and one-liners are unforgettable.

love: romantic love, parents' love, the love for one's self, and what happens when that fades. The central question that propels the action of the play is who are you expected to love more: your child or yourself?"

This weekend, the last three plays will wrap up the one-acts. Directors Alec Lawson and Kendra Richard will present their directorial debuts to the college, while Tom Saporito will follow up his Loyola College Spotlight Players "Dead Man Walking" experience with his one-act. Next year, Lawson will take the torch from Saporito and direct his own Spotlight Theatre production. The play is yet to be announced.

Overall, last weekend's plays showed the dedication and passion that these young directors and actors have for the art of theater, both with the play choice and the work put into the process. Hopefully, it will not be too much longer until another round of student-produced shows come to campus. Loyola has had a wide variety of shows presented on McManus's stage over the years, and hopefully this trend will continue with one-act plays and student directed endeavours.



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Paul Zajac's character has an affair that comes to light when the notebook documenting the affair is discovered.




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One flew over the tenth-annual Maryland film festival

BY SARA CARR
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

The Maryland Film Festival continues to soar in bringing the best in independent filmmaking to Baltimore.

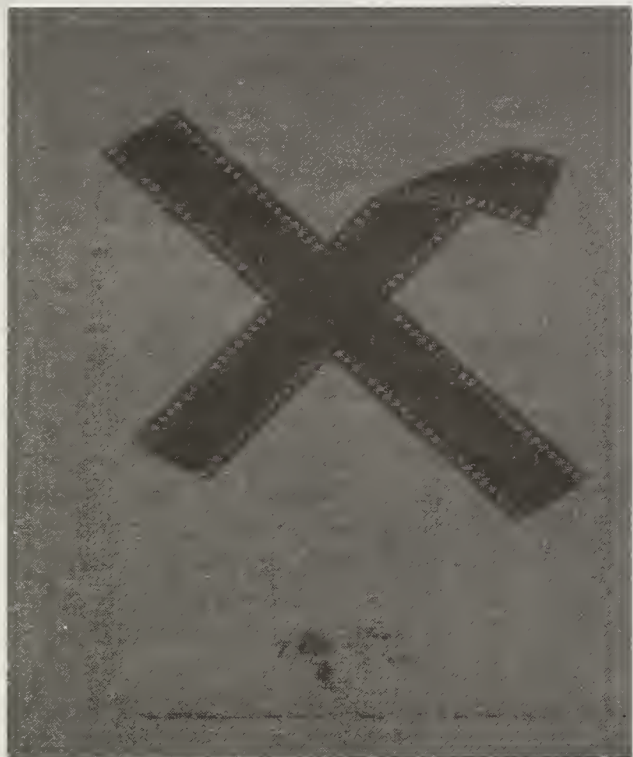


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This year's promotional photo for the 2008 Maryland Film Festival emphasizes the landmark tenth anniversary. The fest is held annually at various locations in Baltimore city

Now entering its 10th anniversary, the fest is set to open the month of May with a bang running from May 1 to May 4 with many of the premieres held in Baltimore's indie-

cinema Mecca, The Charles Theater.

Scant details are available on the film schedule as of yet, but if the past can help with any predictions for this year, the festival will be an eclectic sampling of the latest in the film industries thick atmosphere of creativity ranging from shorts to documentaries as well as features and animated works.

Typically, the opening ceremony dives right into short films, a unique move for a festival, particularly the coveted opening night slot which is typically reserved for big-name feature films but a tradition at the MFF.

Last year's highlights included Zoe Cassavetes' "Broken English." The young director's second film follows indie-movie queen Parker Posey as Nora Wilder, a thirty-something who is unmarried and unfulfilled with her dead-end job and nagging mother (played by the director's mom, screen legend Gena Rowlands).

After a brief encounter with a Frenchman who gives her a new perspective on her life, she and her best friend Audrey ("Sopranos" alum, Drea de Matteo) head off to Paris to find the man that may bring color to Nora's otherwise dull life.

In the documentary section of 2007's film fest, "Chops" stood out for its look into the lives of the highly talented high school musicians as they competed in the national

"Essentially Ellington" jazz competition.

First-time filmmaker, Bruce Broder focuses on a group of Florida teens as they face the stiff competition of fellow musical geniuses whose talent far surpasses their years. The well-received film recently struck a deal for a 2008 theatrical release and a DVD deal with distributor Arts Alliance America.

This year's fest comes at a critical time for the Maryland film industry as recent budget cuts by Governor O'Malley could further sink a dying source of revenue for the state.

O'Malley plans on cutting \$1.7 billion out of the budget which would end the \$4 million rebate program and further end any incentive for filmmakers to shoot in and around Baltimore.

As more films are shot in other states, and sometimes other countries (with Canada emerging as a cheap haven); Maryland may be left behind as an ideal filming location.

Even the star-studded summer flick "He's Just Not That Into You," who's storyline is set in Baltimore, was mainly filmed outside of the state. Only a few scenes with Scarlett

Johansson and Kevin Connolly were actually shot within the city limits.

Despite any somber moods, the film world must go on as well as the MFF, just as the festival circuit starts to heat up. In the next month alone, the Maryland Film Festival will run just in the middle of New York's Tribeca Film Festival that starts April 23 and runs until May 4.

Just a few weeks later, the Cannes Film Festival will open on May 14th and run through the 25th in France with some of



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Parker Posey and Drea de Matteo star in "Broken English," one of the films to grace the screens at the 2007 Maryland Film Festival.

the best in cinema flooding the European beach town with hundreds of international films as well as some of Hollywood's biggest stars.

It's an exciting time of the year with the end of school wrapping up along with premieres of the best that the cinema world has to offer.

Seattle-based band, Minus the Bear, rocks The Recher

BY TAYLOR DEBOER
STAFF WRITER

I knew little about the Seattle-based rock band Minus the Bear before I saw their show at the Recher Theatre on Wednesday night. They haven't seen commercial success but manage to successfully fill every venue they play with hundreds of hipsters in their skinny jeans and cardigan sweaters. They definitely play indie rock, but in a very experimental fashion with use of a drum machine and various synth and keyboard styles, one that makes their live shows mesmerizing.



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The band has not experienced commercial success yet but they still perform to large crowds of hipsters. Their music falls within the indie rock genre but they tend to experiment with drum machine, synths, and keyboards. They even include jam sessions within their songs. They keep the conversation between songs to a minimum with a focus on the music.

There were two opening acts--Portugal The Man and The Big Sleep. Unfortunately I did not get to see Portugal The Man but have heard great things about their sound. The Big Sleep, however, were very monotonous and

in the middle. They played one song after the other, with little pause for conversation. Jack did urge the fans to dance around, causing a small mosh pit right in front of the stage. A middle-aged woman gave the band

a bottle of whiskey and Snider thanked her by saying, "If there's one thing I've learned, you can never have too much whiskey."

As the show progressed the songs got louder and faster. The pinnacle of the performance was when they played the fan favorite, Pachuca Sunrise. The beautiful lyrics of this bittersweet tune almost present a brisk of Beach Boy-esque homage. After clearing the stage at 11:15, they came back out for an extensive encore with an extended version of Absinth Party, at which point they brought four people, perhaps the band members from Portugal. The Man, dressed in normal clothes but wearing dark black masks. They played tambourines, bongo drums and jammed for nearly two minutes. They then exited the stage and Minus the Bear finished the song.

The show was amazing, and for an old venue with bad acoustics like the Recher, I was truly impressed. I now want to buy all four Minus the Bear albums after seeing their show. They played like veterans and after seven years of touring, I'd say they certainly are. They leave it all on the stage and truly define experimental music in the purest of forms.



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The zenith of the band's set was the crowd favorite Pachuca Sunrise. The song has an upbeat tempo akin to The Beach Boys but the lyrics take on a more bittersweet tone. A few minutes after the song finished the band followed up with an encore featuring Portugal. The Man.



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After seven years of touring the band sounded like old pros on the Recher stage.

Aries (March 21-April 20) An unexpected invitation may this week create an odd ethical dilemma. After Tuesday expect new friends or potential lovers to be briefly insensitive to your family needs or ongoing alliances. Emotional triangles or revised social priorities may require delicate timing. Avoid controversy, if possible; past and present obligations will soon be resolved.

or outstanding assignments will now challenge the patience of managers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Long-term friends may be unusually thoughtful or easily irritated by new social information this week. Home changes or complex family obligations will now drain the emotional resources of loved ones..

HOROSCOPES
By Lasha Seniuk/MCT

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Job routines may be temporarily complicated this week by workplace power struggles. Older colleagues will publicly challenge the skills or attitudes of others. Take none of it personally; before next week previously silent co-workers will feel compelled to establish their continuing authority. Remain detached and expect minor moments of tension

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Family debate will this week reveal important social information. New relationships may need to be temporarily sidelined in order to maintain harmony in the home. Relatives will not easily accept continuing distractions away from serious duties or priorities: expect minor comments and private opinions to escalate in the coming weeks.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Managers and older colleagues may strongly disagree on new procedures this week. Passionate outbursts, ongoing criticism and private tensions can be expected in the workplace over the next 4 days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Close friends may this week challenge your recent romantic or lifestyle choices. Creative outlets, public events or quick progress in new relationships may trigger private doubts in your social circle. Reassure long-term friends of your ongoing affection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Over the next few days authority figures may request completed duties, consistent dedication and finalized documents. Random mistakes

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Legal errors, controversial purchases and minor financial delays may this week briefly increase family tensions. Short-term disagreements may be unavoidable: expect loved ones to ask for special consideration and a continuing dedication to home expansion.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Relatives or roommates may now ask for detailed descriptions of social or romantic goals. Long-term family aspirations, housing commitments and unexpected emotional triangles may be at issue. Expect passionate reactions or sudden outbursts: at present loved ones require extra sensitivity.,

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Parent/child relationships may be mildly strained over the next three days. Power struggles, daily schedules or social rules may be a central theme. Remain dedicated to your original goals: in the coming weeks loved ones will slowly accept the unique needs and private boundaries of others.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Creative activities, artistic awareness and unusual forms of entertainment will captivate attention this week. Intense feelings of isolation or romantic regret will now fade. Use this time to foster new relationships or explore exotic hobbies. For many Aquarians a pivotal emotional change will soon bring greater social and romantic freedom.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Private flirtations are flattering but potentially controversial this week. Workplace romance and new friendships may soon introduce unexpected emotional

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complications.

If your birthday is this week: Before mid-May authority figures will quickly dismiss new ideas. Career proposals or unique applications are best explored after May 17, if possible. Wait

for obvious signs of improvement before taking employment or financial risks. Later this summer, however, a powerful workplace opportunity may arrive. Between July 21 and Aug. 9 expect a secondary source of income to take precedence. Management

skills and long-term contracts are accented. Stay focused. November through mid-January highlight fast social and romantic progress. This is a powerful time for newly developing trust, revised goals and long-term commitment. Be sure to hold onto your heart.

Will Butler, College Freshman
By Kevin Hughes and Dan Corrigan





Never Say Die: Hounds upset Hoyas, claim first in ECAC

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

Loyola's head coach Charley Toomey glanced up at the scoreboard at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field after senior Shane Koppens scored his fifth and final goal against No. 4 Georgetown. It read Home 11, Away 9 ... Time: 00:30. Toomey finally let out a sigh of relief. "We might get this one," he thought.

Thirty seconds later, the scoreboard still read 11-9, and Loyola's celebration could officially begin.

"We wanted this game so bad," Koppens said in the aftermath of the Jesuit war. Outsiders dubbed this season a "transition year" for a young Loyola team. Sure, they've had their inconsistencies, but they're also 5-0 in the ECAC for the first time in school history. Two more wins, against Fairfield and Hobart, and they'll be conference champs and headed to the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year.

"We've had some big games around here the last couple years," Toomey said. "We've beaten Duke, we've beaten Syracuse, so we're not surprised by this. We expect this."

In other words, "take that, doubters and media types."

It took a complete effort to oust the



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

The Greyhound offense had plenty to celebrate about on Saturday with their 11-9 victory over the Hoyas to dominate the ECAC.

avored Hoyas, and the 11-9 final hardly gives credence to the numerous Greyhound contributors. Perhaps that scoreboard should have read Shane Koppens 7 (points), Brendan Cannon 3; or Jake Hagelin 9 (goals allowed), Miles Kass 11; or Tim McDermott 12 (faceoffs won), Dan Vinson 6.

And it's just too bad the scoreboard can't translate P.T. Ricci's stellar defense, Paul Richards' wing play, or David Moore's

leadership ("This is what we're *supposed* to do," Moore said to his younger teammates after taking a 3-0 lead, according to Toomey).

Koppens, however, gets the headlines in this one after scoring a career-high seven points, despite being double teamed and guarded by one of the best defenders in the country, Jerry Lambe.

More impressively, three of his goals came in crunch time. With the game tied at eight

and the clock dwindling under 10 minutes, Koppens took a feed from freshman Matt Langan to put the Hounds back on top. A few minutes later, Koppens went unassisted to make it a two-goal game, but Cannon kept Georgetown alive by sneaking one under Hagelin's stick. After a tense final three minutes, Koppens finally shut the door, taking a transition pass from Ricci and converting it

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Greyhound defense shuts down Mount



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Meg Taylor and the rest of the Greyhound midfield combined with the defense to stymie Mount St. Mary's last Wednesday.

By PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola women's lacrosse team's defense asserted itself early and held on

late to defeat Mount St. Mary's, 12-7, in a non-conference battle last Wednesday in Emmitsburg, Md.

"Our defense played great and Meg Steffe made some very good saves, especially in the second half," head coach Kerri O'Day said.

The defense, led by a pair of seniors, Kate Filippelli and Bridget Zingler, held Katelyn Catanese, the leading goal scorer in the nation with 54, to just one goal. In addition, freshman goalie Meg Steffe totaled 12 saves and almost matched her season-low of six goals allowed.

But the offense also clicked for the Hounds. Freshman Grace Gavin tallied six points, including four decisive second-half goals, while classmate Abby Rehfuß took a backseat on the scoring end and instead played the role of distributor (four assists).

Loyola, coming off a 21-goal effort against Louisville, picked up where it left off by scoring four straight goals to take the early lead eight minutes into the contest. Filippelli tallied the game's first goal, followed by a score from freshman Mary Heneberry just a minute later. She later dished a pass to senior Alicyn Brunnett, who scored with 25 minutes left to go in the first half.

After the Mount got on the board, Loyola answered with a goal from junior Elizabeth Weber, putting the Hounds back on top by four goals. Sophomore Bridget O'Keefe and Brunnett both added goals to increase the margin to six, 7-1.

Mount St. Mary's attempted to cut into Loyola's lead when they tallied three consecutive goals, including Catanese's lone goal.

"Kate Filippelli did a terrific job of limiting her to just one goal the whole game," O'Day said.

Freshman Cara Filippelli then added

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Star recruit McKenzie gives Hounds more clout

By BRIAN HUNGARTER
COLUMNIST

It does not take rocket science to figure out building a program or a franchise in any sport is difficult, but while professional sports use salary caps and free agency to their advantage, college coaches must rely on coaching, teaching and recruiting in their efforts to gain wins and prestige.

The "coaching effect" cannot be understated; this is the initial step towards gaining new recruits and solid programs. But the reality of college sports is that the most talented teams -- those with the best recruiters at the helm -- typically win games regardless of how good an instructor the coach is. Joe Logan, the head coach of the women's basketball team, is taking that leap to savvy recruiter. He brought in star point guard Candice Walker last season and watched her earn All-MAAC Rookie honors. This year he found her a compliment: Miriam McKenzie.

Four seasons ago, Miriam McKenzie walked into her Oakland Mills varsity basketball gym and met a 5-15 team lacking the necessary talent to compete at even

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Koppens rallies late, tallies five; Hagelin holds Hoyas

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into the Hounds' 11th goal.

"I like having the ball in my stick in those situations," Koppens said. "I knew [Lambe] was one of the best defenders in the country, but I knew my teammates were going to set picks for me so I could get my hands free and get good looks."

The Hoyas tied the game three times — 6-6, 7-7 and 8-8 — and after falling behind 3-0 and then 4-1, they never trailed by more than two goals. But each time the Hoyas came back Loyola had an answer. In the latter stages, that answer was Koppens. But Hagelin, McDermott, the wings and the defense all delivered in this one, too.

"That's a lot of heart right there, the whole defensive unit," Hagelin said. "We knew Georgetown was going to make a run, but we stepped up."

Hagelin, with an occasional flair for the spectacular, tallied 11 saves and excelled in clearing the ball. McDermott spurred the transition game at the X by going 12-for-19, and he was helped along by Ricci's game-high nine groundballs. Paul Richards added four groundballs.

"After every goal it starts with the groundball," Toomey said. "Tim did a great job, and our wing play with P.T., Tyler Ebsary and Paul Richards really played well. We competed today."

It took just two minutes for the competition to get going as defender Joe Landry scored to put the Hounds on top. Loyola fed off the energy, but after the initial surge neither team could gain much momentum.

The Hoyas wasted an opportunity to tie when the Hounds lost two men to penalties. Georgetown fired a shot at Hagelin, but the freshman goaltender made the save and preserved the lead.

"We've had some big games around here the last couple of years. We've beaten Duke ... Syracuse. So we're not surprised by this. We expect this." -- Charley Toomey on beating Georgetown

Then, at the 3:03 mark, Craig Dowd had a wide-open look and went high to high, but Hagelin read it perfectly and recorded another save.

In the first 30 minutes, Hagelin had six saves and kept the potent Hoyas attack to just three scores. His counterpart, Kass, also stood out, denying the Hounds from increasing their lead late in the second period. At halftime, Kass withstood a 22-shot Greyhound onslaught, recording nine saves while allowing just five goals.

With the score still 1-0, Loyola caught a break when Georgetown was whistled for an illegal stick, leaving the Hoyas a man down for the final three minutes of the first quarter. Jake Wilcox took advantage, firing a bullet with just four seconds left to put the Hounds up 2-nil.

Freshman Eric Lusby then capitalized on another man-up after a Koppens pass. Loyola, which started the game 0-for-2 on man-ups, came back with a pair of extra-man goals. Georgetown, meanwhile, was 0-for-4.

Ironically, the Hoyas got on the board on a "man-down" opportunity. Cannon's shot wasn't pretty, but it cut the Loyola deficit to 3-1, and sometimes that's all you need to get started.

K o p p e n s answered right back, squeezing between two defenders to push the lead back to three, but Dan D'Agnes' goal cut the lead in half, and Andrew Brancaccio made it a one-goal game. Junior middle Jimmy Daly then

connected for a 5-3 lead, which is where the game stayed for the remainder of the half.

The Hoyas slashed the Greyhounds' lead back down to one midway through the third frame by sandwiching a pair of goals around a Koppens score. The latter part of the period

included conference wins at Rider and Manhattan, as well as a loss to Marist. The two wins, however, were Loyola's first two MAAC victories of the season.

But on Saturday the men's team was defeated 7-0 at Fairfield, while the women dropped a 4-3 heartbreaker to the Stags.

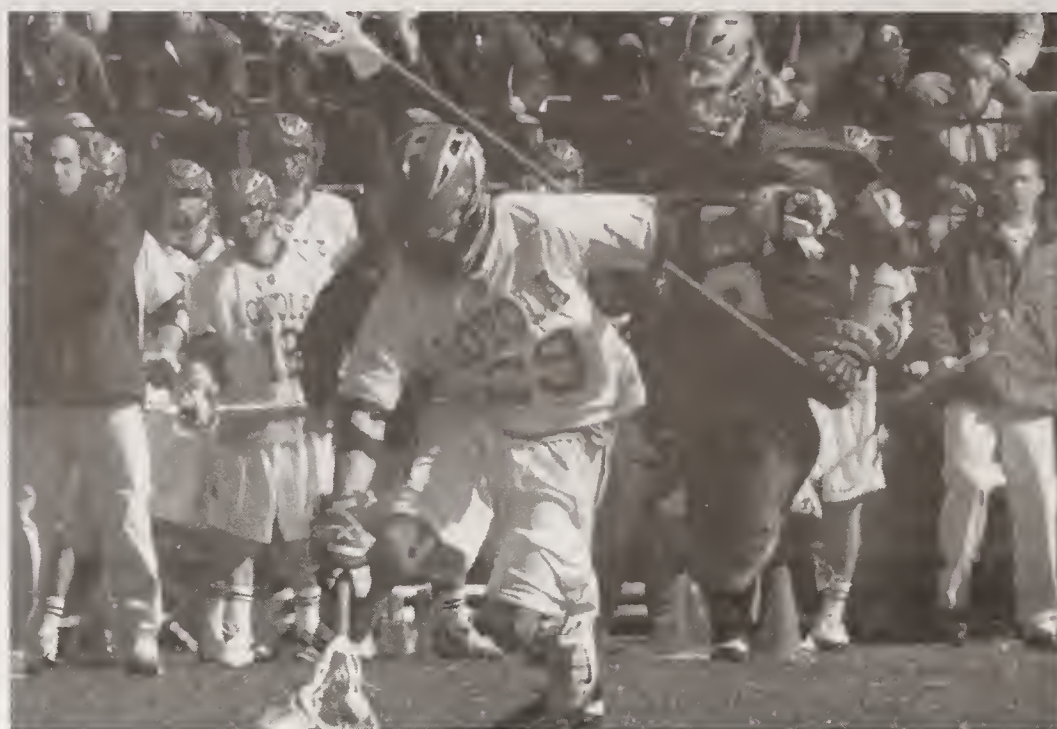
Winning in doubles for the women (8-7, 2-4 MAAC) were sophomores Stephanie Dunn and Caitlyn Day at No. 2. Dunn and Day won 8-2, but the women could not secure the doubles point.

In singles play, freshman Joy Johnson defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3, while Dunn recorded a 7-5, 6-0 victory at No. 4. Sophomore Lauren Cassle gave Loyola its third point with a victory at No. 6. The women could not capture the victory, however, as Day and sophomore Kerri Swan were both defeated in tough matches at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

Although the women finished the week with a loss, Dunn retained a positive outlook. "All our matches are going to be close," Dunn said. "We are definitely looking forward to the MAAC tournament, especially after only losing 4-3 to Niagara, Siena, and Fairfield."

On the men's side, seniors Scott Gannon and Doug Alban won at No. 1 doubles, 8-7. But the men (9-7, 2-4 MAAC) were not able to capture the doubles point after losses at No. 2 and No. 3.

The men went scoreless in singles play, despite strong efforts throughout the lineup. Gannon fell at No. 1, while sophomores Matt McDaniel and Tim Koch both lost at



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Senior Paul Richards brushes off a defender against Notre Dame in opening game.

mirrored the first ... literally. The Hoyas tied the game at six, Wilcox came right back with No. 7, and the Hoyas tied it up again. But the Hounds reigned supreme in this back-and-forth battle as Richards scored to make it 8-7.

The referees missed a sideline call at the start of the final frame that cost the Greyhounds the lead, but Loyola, poised throughout, kept the score-and-be-scored-upon theme going as Koppens scored three times to close it out.

"Shane was incredible; he does what you expect in a senior," Toomey said. "We're asking him to dodge and create, and he did an unbelievable job in not only winning his matchup, but allowing other people to win their matchups."

Loyola will be counting on Koppens and the rest of the seniors to keep the young team focused over the next two weeks. There's an NCAA tournament in sight, but first it's on to Fairfield next Saturday.

"Fairfield's a great team," Koppens said. "We've got to get ready for them and get that 'W.'"

Gavin nets 4, LC downs Mount, 12-7

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the last goal of the half for Loyola off of a Rehffuss assist. One more goal from the Mount set the halftime score at 8-5.

After an offensive slump to start the second half, Gavin took over the game, jumpstarting the Hounds. With 25 minutes to play she took another pass from Rehffuss and found the back of the cage; she added an unassisted goal just three minutes later.

The Mount answered to make it 10-6, but then the scoring stalled on both sides as the defenses stepped up.

But Gavin broke through again, scoring off of a well-placed high pass from Kate Filippelli, who was behind the net and found Gavin cutting down the alley. Gavin added her fourth goal when she connected with Rehffuss with just 44 second remaining in the game, doubling up the Mount, 12-6. Mount St. Mary's tacked on their final score with 22 seconds left.

After a week off, the Greyhounds travel to upstate New York next week, where they will face Cornell on April 16.

"One of the most important things right now is to give the girls some rest and recovery time," O'Day said. "We've played three games in less than a week."



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Kate Filippelli scored twice and stopped the Mount's leading scorer.

Tennis volleys back, takes two in MAAC

By KYLE ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola men's and women's tennis teams were each narrowly defeated by Fairfield Saturday, ending a week which



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Both the men and women grabbed their first MAAC victories last weekend.

No. 2 and No. 3, respectfully. Alban lost at No. 4, while freshmen Dan D'Agostino and Jamie Russo lost at No. 5 and No. 6. Senior co-captain Ben Epstein did not play at his usual No. 2 singles Saturday due to injury, forcing No. 2 through No. 6 singles to step up in rank.

Afterwards, McDaniel wasn't fazed by the loss.

"Everyone went out swinging and put in 100 percent," McDaniel said. "Since everyone is playing at a higher rank, it can only help going in to the MAAC tournament, when we can play at our normal ranks again."

Preceding the Fairfield match, the men's and women's teams captured wins against Manhattan on Friday. The men won 5-2, while the women captured a 6-1 victory.

Winning in doubles for the men were McDaniel and Koch at No. 2. D'Agostino and Russo were also victorious at No. 3.

Each of the men's singles victories came in straight sets as Koch won at No. 3, Alban won at No. 4, D'Agostino won at No. 5 and Russo won at No. 6. McDaniel dropped a close three-set match at No. 2.

The women were able to take the doubles point with a sweep against Manhattan. Swan and Johnson won at No. 1, the senior duo of Meaghan McKenna and Mallory Tarca won their match at No. 2 and Day and Dunn continued the doubles dominance with a 9-7 win at No. 3.

In singles action, Swan started with a victory at No. 2. Johnson followed her lead

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From ‘foot fairies’ to soccer superfan, I’m a changed man

By MATT KIEBUS
COLUMNIST

ROME – As I write this, study abroad officially ends for me in 10 days, and before next Friday I must complete two 2,000-word ethics papers, one 3,700 word paper for Pope Pius VI, one 1,500 word paper for travel writing and a 2,000 paper on Jesus. Why, you may ask, does he have so much work abroad? Frankly I haven’t done anything but travel, drink and eat the last two months. It’s been wonderful.

I’ve traveled the canals in Venice, wine tasted in an ancient castle in the Florentine hills, watched the sun set on the Amalfi coast, met the buffalos that supply our mozzarella cheese. I soaked up the rays in the Costa del Sol in Spain, I downed Guinness with high-school buddies in Dublin, and, oh yeah, I went to Amsterdam (wonder how that slipped my mind).

I schooled Italians with my basketball wizardry, Italian class schooled me -- I set record lows for my inability to speak Italian. I bought a fedora, slammed some limoncello, got lost in Rome repeatedly and fell in love ... with a bar called Scholars.

One thing, however, will stick with me from Rome that I never thought would happen: I became a soccer, sorry, futbol fan.

Now, this is completely out of character. Growing up, I hated “foot fairies.” When

people criticized baseball for being too boring I came back with, “Have you ever watched soccer?” I despised it more than lacrosse. (To clarify, I was a baseball player growing up; it was a rivalry about what was the real spring sport.)

Unless Spanish or Mexican announcers were doing the game, nothing about the “European cult” interested me. The game was slow and the players cry more than T.O. Sure, I would watch the World Cup and was bitterly disappointed at Poland, but that’s about it.

Then I came to Rome. No SportsCenter, no Sports Illustrated, no ESPN, no Greyhound basketball, no Buffalo Bills football, no Arizona Basketball, no New York Mets baseball. Only AS Roma.

So it began. Games were always on the TV at dinner, and my host’s boyfriend was a season-ticket holder, a Superfan of sorts. When Champions League play started I watched a city rejoice over their upset of Real Madrid. All this time I knew the game, but now I know the clubs, their histories, the players, their contracts, their absurdly attractive girlfriends. You thought being an athlete in the States got you tail? Imagine if the United States only had one sport. Life is good.

I heard the stadium from my house last week when they played Manchester United in the round of eight in the Champions League. I watched as Cristiano Ronaldo

and Wayne Rooney shattered the dreams of Roma fans. I sulked in the bar while they played depressing music after Roma was eliminated.

There was a heart to the game, a soul. It’s a culture here, like football in Green Bay or basketball in Indiana. Easy to follow and play, there are soccer pitches all over the city, from school yards to along the Tiber River. Romans and Italians are passionate about it.

I have been lucky enough to attend a game, against a small-town team, in the rain, with the cheapest seats in the stadium. It was an event. The Roma diehard fans were behind the goal waving their flags unceasingly. Their scarves are worn with pride, a badge of honor.

Win or lose, they are always there to support their team. Futball is life.

I have legitimately enjoyed every minute I’ve spent in Italy. Anyone reading this who is contemplating going abroad, trust me -- go. It’ll be the time of your life.

It’s another shot at reinventing yourself, or finding out who you really are.

I’ve had homemade Italian meals every night for dinner. I walk past the Spanish steps everyday for class. Michelangelo sculpted a urinal I frequent on Thursdays. I

Track team falters in Pa.

By AMANDA PICCIRILLI
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola women’s track team split squads this weekend as the distance runners showcased at Bucknell on Friday, while the rest of the crew traveled to Rider on Saturday. It was not one of the team’s better performances.

“Little things got in the way,” coach Brett Harvey said. “For every mistake, everyone had an excuse. Excuses don’t make up for bad performances. We need to understand our mistake, work hard every race, and walk away with our heads held high.”

On Friday evening in Lewisburg, Pa., junior Maureen Wynne, who was competing in the Invitational divisional, crossed the finish line in the 5000-meter with a time of 18:34.39. While Wynne has been consistant, this past weekend happened to be one of Wynne’s most unsuccessful races.

“I know she could have been able to run this event a whole minute faster,” Harvey said. “But when she has only had one bad race in two years, I can’t complain that much.”

While Wynne did not post the times Loyola

now dance -- like a fool -- but I dance none the less. I’m friends with a kid nicknamed Slayer, who has an alter-ego known as Destroyer. You can’t make this stuff up.

I grew long hair. It does make you feel cooler; you were right Pete. I was introduced to a card game called superlatives. I mastered Rome’s public transportation system. I listened to the Gladiator theme song in the Colosseum.

Read a John Grisham book in the Circus Maximus. Visited a brothel in the bustling city of Pompeii. Lost my keys. Met ex-Celtic Allen Ray in a bar. Found my keys. Didn’t do my laundry enough. Laughed a lot. Became a little nicer.

I’m going to walk away with plenty of new friends, priceless memories and a healthy share of embarrassing moments.

I also found out that no ocean or distance can stop me from being frustrated with my sports teams. Thank you New York Mets, Arizona Wildcats and Loyola Greyhounds basketball for pissing me off once again.

Right now, I’m going to rock my fedora, possibly buy some stunna’ shades and hit the town. But I’d request for someone to alert the Wendy’s staff on Central Avenue in Clark, N.J., that my flight gets in at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday the 20th. Be ready.

Tennis set for MAAC Tourney

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with a nail-biting, three-set victory at No. 3.

Dunn, McKenna, and Cassle all won in straight sets at No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6, respectfully.

Both teams impressed against Rider earlier in the week as the men came away with a 6-1 win, while the women swept the match 7-0.

The men started the rout in doubles, when Gannon and Alban won at No. 1. Following the trend, McDaniel and Koch won at No. 2, while Russo and D’Agostino won their match at No. 3.

In singles, Gannon won in three sets at No. 1 and Nos. 2-5 all won in straight sets.

The Rider victory was very important for the men, as they had already lost a 7-0 match the day before against Marist.

“Everyone stepped up against Marist, and it didn’t show in the results,” McDaniel said. “Everyone was able to keep up the

intensity and enthusiasm against Rider and it paid off.”

The women’s dominance against Rider started when Swan and Cassle were victorious at No. 1.

McKenna and Tarca won at No. 2, while the freshman tandem of Andie Keyser-Baker and Melanie Ocampus-Barry recorded a victory at No. 3.

In singles play, Swan and McKenna won their matches, and Nos. 3-6 all won in straight sets.

Against Marist, the women fell 6-1, while the men lost 7-0. Cassle gave the Hounds their lone point at No. 6 singles.

Swan dropped a close match at No. 2; she fell in a tiebreaker.

On the men’s side, each competitor fell in straight sets.

After finishing the week at 2-2, the men’s and women’s teams finish up the regular season with St. Peter’s before heading to the MAAC tournament.

Logan builds formidable backcourt with Parker, McKenzie

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a mediocre level. McKenzie, who hails from Brooklyn, N.Y., knows about tough situations. She played all day and night against the boys in her neighborhood, who taught her about physical play and how to create her own shot.

As a result, McKenzie’s freshman season for the Scorpions hardly resembled one of a typical rookie learning her way. McKenzie averaged 16 points per game. showing flashes of the player she is today.

The recently-signed Greyhound finished off her senior campaign at Oakland Mills with an 18-5 record and a No. 15 ranking in the state of Maryland. McKenzie led her team with 634 points (28 per game) while averaging 14 rebounds, 4.4 steals and four assists a night. McKenzie posted an amazing 21 double-doubles in 23 games to go alongside four triple-doubles.

Oh, did I mention she stands only 5-foot-8?

McKenzie now embarks on a new challenge at Loyola under Logan. Logan took over the team in 2005 and has posted

a 38-22 record in his two seasons with the Greyhounds. More impressively, Loyola has begun to climb the ladder in MAAC play with a 25-11 record over that time.

“We are excited and happy for Miriam and Oakland Mills,” Logan said. “This is a great recognition of the success she had this season. Coach Willingham has done an outstanding job working with her, and we are looking forward to her becoming a part of our program and continuing her accomplishments as a Greyhound.”

McKenzie’s signing is the latest in Logan’s fine recruiting classes, featuring the top recruits from the Baltimore area, McKenzie and Walker. They will combine with a roster filled with seven Logan recruits, freshman sensation Mallory Lawes from Elmira, N.Y., and only two rising seniors.

As Loyola does battle with top women’s programs like Marist, who earned a No.7 seven seed in this year’s NCAA tournament and knocked off DePaul in the first round, the talent in Baltimore needs to continue to improve for the Greyhounds to take the next step.

According to McKenzie’s high school coach Seth Willingham, McKenzie is exactly the player Loyola needs in their quest for an NCAA bid.

“Miriam was clearly our best player, leading the team in points and rebounds,” Willingham said. “She is unbelievable at getting to the basket and now that she improved her outside shot – she shot 40 percent from three her senior season -- she is very tough to defend.

“It will be very interesting to see how much better of a player she is when surrounded by four other great players who can open her up in space. I think she is already ready for the Division-I level, and will be a great asset to Loyola in her four seasons.”

McKenzie refuses to accept failure and losing. which adds to her leadership qualities.

“Miriam is not always vocal in practice,” Willingham said. “but you can tell she is all business all of the time. She was the hardest worker in our entire school, male or female. She was constantly carrying a

basketball around and working on her game, not to mention helping the girls around her become better players. She completely turned around our program and now we expect to win.”

Signing another star-caliber Baltimore player shows that Logan and his program are gaining credibility around college basketball; Loyola is being pawned as a good place to develop talent and an education for four years.

While McKenzie is only one player, her immediate impact on the court will definitely lead to more wins. Off the court, her impact on recruits might be the biggest advantage to Loyola’s future.

With one big name in Baltimore following another to stay at home and represent a Baltimore school, who knows where the future lies for Loyola basketball? Parker started the trend. McKenzie is the next line. Who’s next?

It’s an exciting time to be a Greyhounds fans, and the one thing for certain is that McKenzie and Parker will form quite a tandem next season and for years to come.

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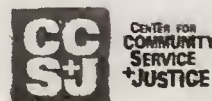
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